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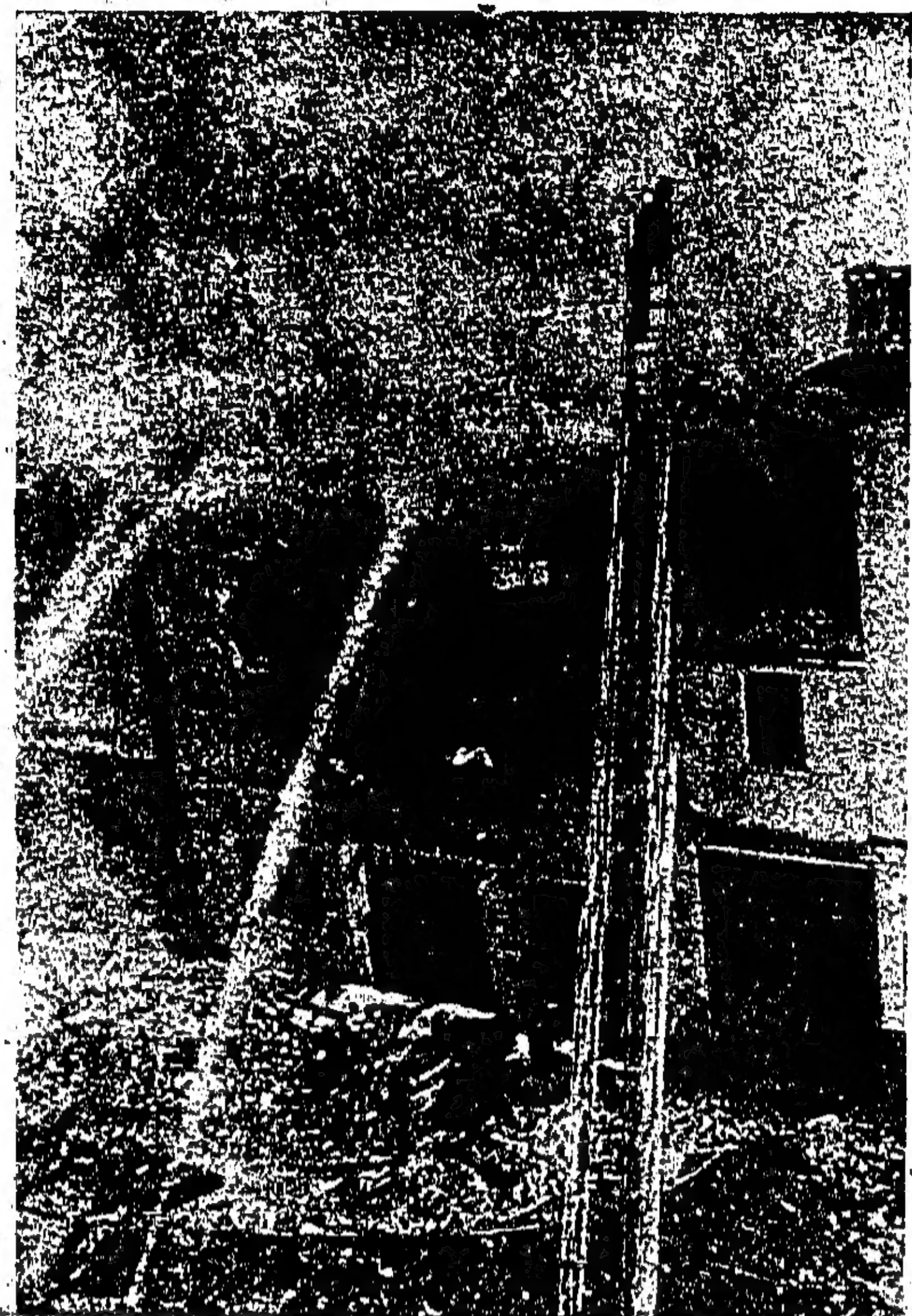
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DISASTROUS CONFLAGRATION IN HENNESSY ROAD CAUSES DAMAGE OF OVER \$500,000 TO KWONG SANG HONG GODOWN



Picture taken at the height of the disastrous fire at the Kwong Sang Hong warehouse, Hennessy Road, yesterday afternoon.

Goods Valued At 3 Lakhs Destroyed

Over half-a-million dollars' damage was caused by a big fire which broke out shortly after 2.30 p.m. yesterday at the warehouse of the Kwong Sang Hong, perfumery and toilet manufacturers, at No. 296 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, and which raged fiercely for many hours and, though subdued, was not completely under control by midnight.

The entire Fire Brigade of the island was called to the scene. Traffic was blocked for many hours, the tram service being completely interrupted and buses and other vehicles diverted to Lockhart Road.

Thousands of people watched the blaze from the street and from the roofs of houses around. The crowd at two ends of the street was standing 50 deep, and office people living in the vicinity, returning from work, took as long as two hours to make their way through the crowd.

The fire was the biggest experienced on Hongkong island this year. Origin of the blaze is not known, but it is thought that workmen, who were in the premises on the previous day, might have left a cigarette butt and unwittingly caused the mischief.

COMPLETELY GUTTED

Firemen who arrived on the scene shortly after the alarm found the entire building, which was three storeys high, completely gutted. Huge volumes of smoke were pouring from the roof which had already partly collapsed, and strong smell of perfume from thousands of bottles of scent in the building filled the air.

The walls began to crack about 3 p.m. and a short while afterwards the top part of the building suddenly collapsed. Part of the masonry fell on to the warehouse of the Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., next door, and knocked in a portion of the roof.

Though licked by the flames, and open to grave danger in many ways, the I.C.I. warehouse did not suffer any damage. Firemen kept deluging the building with water to prevent the flames from spreading to this direction. The flood of water may have damaged some of the goods in the I.C.I. godown, though the extent is not known.

BUILT IN 1920

The Kwong Sang Hong godown, which was built in 1920, was used for storing glycerine, chemicals

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FINLAND - RUSSIA PEACE TREATY IS CONFIRMED IN BROADCAST STATEMENT BY M. TANNER

Diplomatic Reactions Surveyed

LONDON, March 13 (Reuter) — The signing of the peace agreement between Finland and Russia was confirmed by the Finnish Government in a broadcast by the Finnish Foreign Minister, M. Tanner.

Under the schedule fixed upon in Moscow, Finnish troops will withdraw at the rate of about five miles a day until the new line is reached.

The terms include the surrender of the whole of the Karelian Isthmus to Russia, and the lease of Hangoe as a naval and air base to Russia for 30 years.

IN HIS BROADCAST, M. TANNER GAVE A REVIEW OF THE PEACE CONDITIONS WHICH HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND WHICH, HE SAID, WERE SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY THE FINNISH PARLIAMENT.

FINLAND WAS A SMALL COUNTRY, SAID M. TANNER, AND THE WAR HAD BEEN AN UNEQUAL STRUGGLE FROM THE BEGINNING.

He added: "We were not responsible for the war. We did not believe it would break out but in spite of that it did break out and our country was forced to defend itself."

Despite the efforts of the Army, Finland has been short of materials and men. Supplies have been received from abroad but we still lacked supplies.

M. Tanner made reference to the refusal of help made by Sweden and described this as "a negative Swedish attitude."

"Some time ago," he continued, "Finland was offered military help by the Western Powers. This plan was closely examined by the Finnish military authorities and there was found to be one weak point in it, namely, the question of transport of the troops."

"The Scandinavian countries had given a negative answer to the plea of Finland and of the Western Powers and consequently Finland had to state that this help could not be counted on."

FORCES UNBROKEN

"Bearing these facts in mind, the Finnish Government realised that it was better to make peace while Finland's forces were still unbroken. The treaty was, therefore, signed last night."

M. Tanner continued: "There will naturally be different ideas about this question and there will be arguments advanced for continuance of the war but now our aim must be reconstruction and consolidation of peace, and all our forces must be concentrated on this work."

HEAVY TERMS

M. Tanner said: "The terms are unexpectedly heavy, in comparison with what the enemy achieved during the war, and the demands go further than those presented in the autumn."

"Our delegates fought to modify them but were unsuccessful and, as no prospects were found of obtaining better results by continuing the war, it seems wiser to accept the peace terms than continue the hopeless struggle. No political terms were presented."

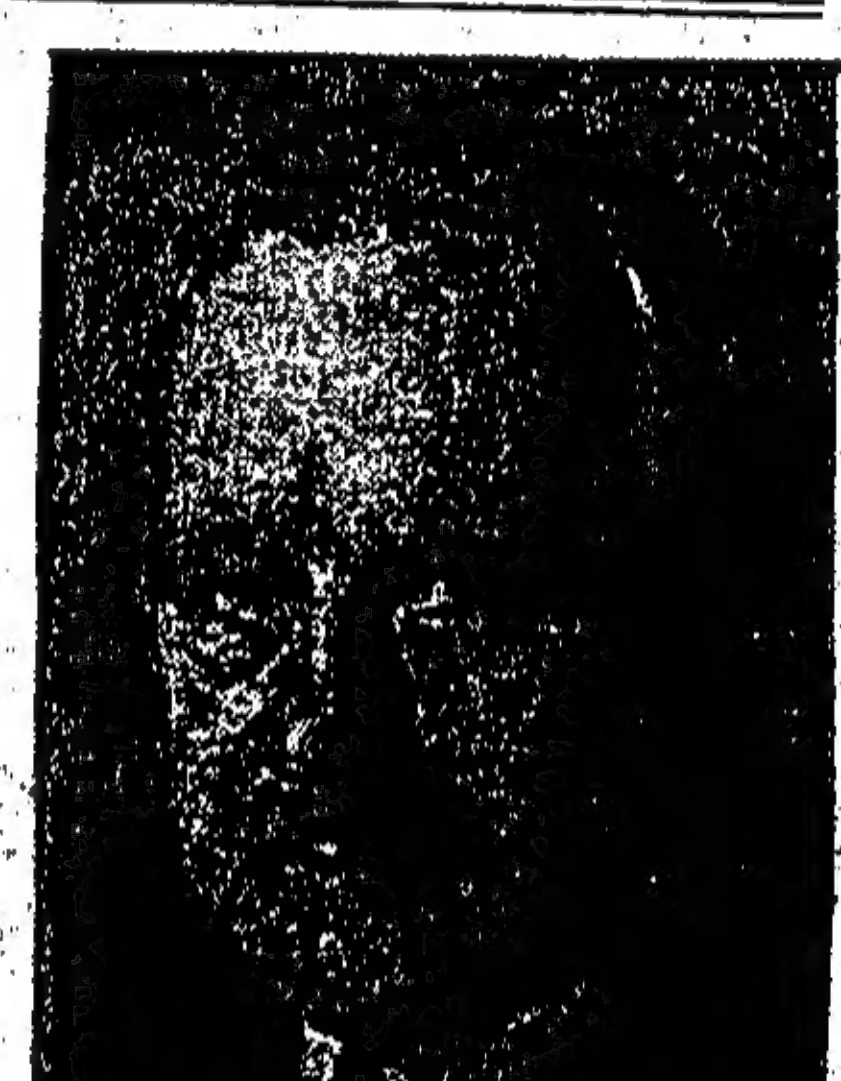
"The Soviet Union does not interfere with our internal politics. The Kuusinen Government has been put to one side. The peace will be very heavy and it is with great hesitation that the Government accepted the terms."

DEAD SILENCE

M. Tanner's broadcast was generally received in dead silence. Tears streamed down the faces of men and women and there is a general feeling of numbness.

Some people have the idea, however, that if Field-Marshal Mannerheim and the Government decided to end the struggle it would be suicidal to continue.

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M. Tanner, Finnish Foreign Minister.

ANOTHER SACRIFICE BY FINLAND

PRESS COMMENT IN PARIS

PARIS, Mar. 13 (Reuter) — The Soviet-Finnish peace agreement is deplored as another sacrifice on the part of Finland by M. Lucien Bourguet in the Petit Parisien.

The newspaper Le Nouveau praises M. Daladier and Mr. Chamberlain for their statements yesterday and says: "What has surprised us most has been that Sweden's Socialist Government did nothing but hinder the efforts of those who wanted to help their neighbours."

"HUMILIATION"

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 13 (Reuter) — "The message of peace will hardly be received by a single man or woman in Scandinavia without pain, without a feeling of humiliation and without the understanding that all Scandinavian countries have been hit by Finland's ruin," writes the Bellinghede Tidende.

"Yesterday, the northern countries became weaker and poorer not only in a strict territorial sense," the paper concludes.

FEARS FOR FINLAND

LONDON, Mar. 13 (Reuter) — A message from Budapest states that Hungarian Right Wing papers express pleasure at the Russo-Finnish peace and regard the news as victory for German diplomacy. The Left Wing press expresses sorrow and fears for Finland.

Pest Herald declares that little nations, if they have the courage, can defend themselves even against such overwhelming odds as the power of Russia.

TASKS FULFILLED

MOSCOW, Mar. 13 (Reuter) — "The tasks which the Soviet Union had set herself have been fulfilled," says Pravda, official organ of the Communist Party, in commenting on the peace treaty.

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No Future For Free Men In Europe Unless Nazi Domination Is Curbed

Speaking at a luncheon of the Liberal Club in London yesterday, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, exhorted the people not to fritter away energies by discussing elaborate plans for peace for a new Europe until we had laid the essential foundation on which this future must be built.

FIGHTING IN SWATOW SECTOR

JAPANESE MEET STIFF CHINESE RESISTANCE

KWEILIN, Mar. 13 (Central) — The Japanese invading Kityang, 25 miles north-west of Swatow, are reported to be at Paotishih, southeast of Kityang. Comprising some 2,000 cavalry-men, they came from Ampow, seven miles north of Swatow.

They have commandeered more than fifty junks and have built a pontoon bridge at Tongpo, east of Kityang.

STIFF RESISTANCE

SHIUKWAN, Mar. 13 (Int'l) — Having captured several points north-west of Swatow, Japanese troops are converging on Kityang, one of the leading towns in Eastern Kwangtung. At Kiheng the invaders encountered stiff Chinese resistance yesterday and failed to follow up the advance.

The number of Japanese troops and rif-rafs in Swatow is increased to 8,000. Two companies of puppet troops under orders to invest Kityang surrendered to the Chinese authorities at a certain undisclosed point on Monday.

SHEKKI FIGHTING

MACAO, Mar. 13 (Int'l) — Japanese forces were reported to have evacuated Tanshiawan, north of this port, on their way to strengthen their comrades in Shekki, which is being counter-attacked by Chinese troops.

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There could be no future for free men in Europe unless Nazi domination was effectively curbed.

Peace, said Sir John Simon, must include the restoration of freedom to the Poles and Czechs, according to a Reuter message.

In the present circumstances, even the most moderate minded of us say it is impossible to reach any settlement worth anything as long as Hitler and those colleagues of his, who think with him, are in power, concluded Sir John.

WELLES SEES LL. G.

A Reuter message from London states that Mr. Sumner Welles saw Mr. David Lloyd George yesterday morning and the interview lasted so long that Mr. Welles' appointments for the rest of the day had to be revised. In the afternoon he was to see Mr. S. M. Bruce, Australian High Commissioner, and Mr. James Maxton.

JUDGE HELMICK

SHANGHAI, Mar. 13 (Reuter) — Judge Milton J. Helmick, of the United States Court for China, accompanied by his wife and Mr. W. T. Collins, Court Clerk, returned this morning from a holiday trip to Chungking.

On the voyage there he travelled in the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson's party.

PARIS, Mar. 13 (Reuter) — The communique issued today stated that there is nothing to report.



Simon

Chamberlain's Announcement In Commons

STATEMENT ON ARMISTICE

LONDON, Mar. 13 (Reuter) — The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, announced in the House of Commons that the British Minister in Helsinki, Mr. Duff, had informed this morning by the Finnish Foreign Minister that the Soviet-Finnish peace terms were signed in Moscow last night and that an armistice has been arrived at 11 a.m., Finnish time, today, between the two armies.

Mr. Chamberlain continued: "Throughout the Soviet-Finnish struggle His Majesty's Government, in concert with the French Government have furnished to the Finns large quantities of war materials and supplies of all sorts (cheers)."

FULL WEIGHT

"His Majesty's Government, in fact, made plain their readiness to give all possible help to the Finns in their gallant struggle against aggression (loud cheers) and, as I informed the House on Monday, we had made preparations to throw the full weight of our available resources into the scales on what would be in accordance with the wishes of the Finnish Government."

"It had always been understood that it was for the Finnish Government to decide upon the course of action which they considered best suited in their interests and in the light of all available knowledge."

EPIC STORY

"In their decision, they may be assured that the people of this country are united in sympathy in the situation in which they found themselves, and in admiration for the courage with which they had maintained, for so long, the struggle against overwhelming odds."

"This epic story will ever be recounted in the chronicles of their history and remain alive in the memory of all peoples," concluded Mr. Chamberlain.

M. Maisky, Soviet Ambassador, was in the Diplomatic Gallery when Mr. Chamberlain rose to make his statement.

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In the World of Sports

EXHILARATING RUGBY WITNESSED IN BLARNEY STONE SHIELD TOURNAMENT

Royal Engineers Gain Last Minute Victory

BY "FLY-HALF"

HUNDREDS OF RUGGER ENTHUSIASTS PRESENT AT THE VALLEY YESTERDAY TO WITNESS THE SECOND ROUND MATCHES IN THE BLARNEY STONE SHIELD (SEVEN-A-SIDE) COMPETITION were treated to one of the most thrilling and exhilarating displays of rugger seen this season when the Army champions, the Royal Engineers, scored a spectacular last minute victory over the Tamar and Small Ships "A" by a try (3 points) to nil after extra time was played.

The Police "A", holders of the Shield, showed improved form to eliminate the 8th Heavy Regiment "B" by 16 points to nil.

Other successful teams were the Royal Scots "A", 8th Heavy Regt. "A" and the formidable Club "A".

The best game of the afternoon was undoubtedly that of the Royal Engineers, and the Tamar and Small Ships "A". High tension was in the air when these two teams came on the field. Both sides were evenly matched and no one could foretell which would win. For the Navy, Paul, Carter and Stevens are known to be players well above the average whilst on the Army side Waite, Birrell and Artingstall have always given good performances.

DEADLY TACKLING

In carrying the Army colours through to victory the Royal Engineers owed much to Waite and Birrell. The former, as usual, played a grand game and, in this particular match, displayed superb and deadly tackling whilst his all-round play won the applause and admiration of the crowd. Birrell, hero of the match, for it was he who scored the necessary points, made good use of his speed and indulged in some very clever passing with his other wing forward.

The rest of the team all rose to the occasion and played well to the man—for nothing else but their best could have ousted such a formidable combination as their opponents.

Paul, for the Navy, again gave an outstanding performance. Although he was well marked he made some brilliant moves which nearly culminated in the Navy scoring but for the tackling of Waite who, on more than two occasions, stopped certainties. Stevens, at back, played a grand game—he showed remarkable ability in gathering the ball on the bounce whilst his kicks to touch showed confidence though they lacked length. Carter also came into the picture with some clever and tricky play. His understanding with Paul was perfect and but for the exceptionally good display by the Engineers would have scored more than once.

BRISK EXCHANGES

The opening exchanges were brisk—each side having a fair share of the ball. The first thrill of the match came when Waite, in attempting to field a rising ball, tripped owing to the slightly

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Second Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 23rd and Monday, 25th March, 1940, (Weather permitting), may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Sham Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 14th March, 1940.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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M.C.C. AND REGIONAL CRICKET

The M.C.C., through Sir Pelham Warner, deputy assistant secretary, have circulated first-class and minor counties on the question of regional cricket.

"In view of certain requests made to M. C. C. regarding regional cricket," states the letter, "the M. C. C. Committee have replied that they are not at this stage prepared to initiate what has been described as regional cricket."

"At the same time, I am to add that if there is a general feeling among the counties that this form of cricket is reasonable, and possible, the right course would be for the counties to ask for a meeting of the Advisory County Cricket Committee to be summoned."

Y.M.C.A. HOCKEY TEAM

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. 2nd XI hockey team in a match with a Rajputana Rifles team at Shamshupo at 4.15 p.m. on Saturday:

A. N. Other; Killen and Pohlmann; Mackenzie, Gilchrist, and Broch; Macey, Dormer, Spate, Greenberg and Banks.

AMERICAN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The Y.M.C.A. will hold an American Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament on Saturday, Mar. 23, at King's Park, starting at 2 p.m.

T. A. MADAR TOPS THE HALF-CENTURY MARK

Big Innings For Kowloon Against Compatriots

(By "E. U. Ropes")

Although the Senior League Championship had already been won by the Kowloon Cricket Club, the match between this team and the Indian Recreation Club, at Sookunpo, last Saturday promised to be an interesting one, and so it proved.

The champions batted first and after a wicket had fallen cheaply T. A. Madar, Ernle Fincher, Donald Anderson and Robert Lee all made some runs. The Indian member of the Kowloon team made fifty odd runs but was rather lucky, being let off once or twice.

Anyway K.C.C. had 190 for 9 down to play nice cricket. He hit when the closure was applied, anything that was loose very hard, and with a straight bat and was not out for twenty odd runs. In the meantime S. A. Ismail also had a "blitz" at the bowling and was also not out with about 25 or thereabouts. After the match I learned that M. P. Madar had won the batting average prize for the season, that being the Indians' last game.

THE JUNIORS

Two matches were played in the Junior Division and in beating Kowloon the Police have re-established themselves in the running for Junior Division honours. They are now bracketed with the I.R.C. for first place but Reckelo, who have a game in hand, are also in the running.

Craigsgower, surprisingly lost to the R.A.F. while Army "B" beat the Civil Service.

SPORTING FIXTURES TODAY

BADMINTON — Men's Senior Singles—K. L. Fong v. H. F. Chew (King's College, 3 p.m.); H. Eardley v. P. S. Bun (King's College, 3 p.m.); Mixed Doubles—M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva v. T. T. Chin and Miss M. Ding (King's College, 3.30 p.m.); Men's Doubles—R. Marques and H. Gonsalves v. H. M. Lau and S. C. Chung (Talkoo, 3 p.m.); Mixed Doubles—J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro v. P. H. Wong and Miss W. Cheung (Talkoo, 3.30 p.m.); CHESS—Colon's Championship—F. S. Tsim v. K. Weiss; D. E. de Carvalho v. E. Zimmerman;

ARMY DEFEAT CLUB IN TRIANGULAR HOCKEY ENCOUNTER

Croston Nets Two Goals: Losers' Absentees

Army beat Club by three goals to one in the first match of the Triangular Hockey Tournament played at Sookunpo yesterday, the Army side, with only five of the 11 players originally selected being able to put in an appearance, proving quite strong enough to win.

Of the five Interport team forwards Army could have called upon, one only was in the team that beat Hongkong Hockey Club yesterday.

Homburg, playing centre-forward, supported in fine style by Croston and Marshall, led a series of raids on the Club goal that had Benwell beaten on at least five occasions.

The inside-forward combination Army managed to put out at short notice proved as aggressive a trio as has been seen at Sookunpo this season. Croston, who plays at centre-half for the Royal Engineers, scored the first and second goals.

The half-time score was 2-0. Homburg putting the Army further ahead with a neat goal between the interval and Club scoring when W. A. Reed netted off a long corner.

DIFFERENT TEAM

The Club team was very much different from what it has been this season, absentees from yesterday's game being G. E. R. Divett, D. de S. Carey, V. C. Bond and H. J. D. Lowe, among others.

Benwell, in goal, was not in top form, and appeared at times undecided whether to clear with his stick or his feet, allowing the Army forwards time to get their sticks to the ball.

Pennington worked hard and E. V. Reed was his usual self, but Bond was badly missed at full-back. The intermediate line played well, Reed, N. Whitley and Bates being all well up to the mark, but it was the Club forward line that appeared to be rather disorganised.

SOLID DEFENCE

The two wings were hardly seen in action, Highlands being wasted in a position in which he seldom plays. The Army defence was solid, but Dobson in goal was hardly tested. Stuckley and Datta Ram were reliable, and the intermediate line combination of Ure, Hook and Jordan even more so. The two Army wings were not seen to advantage, and Shangara Singh, outside-left, appeared rather over-awed by the occasion, settling down to a steady game only in the second half.

The teams were: Army: Sgt. Dobson, Pte. Stuckley, Datta Ram; Sgt. Ure, Capt. G. W. Hook and B/M Jordan; Mukhtar Singh, Sgt. Croston, Sgt. Homburg, Gnr. Marshall and Shangara Singh.

Club: V. M. Benwell; J. W. Pennington, E. V. Reed; R. A. Bates, W. A. Reed, N. B. M. Whitley; S. A. Fowler, T. S. D. Whitley; G. H. Fowler, B. I. Siskford and D. C. Highlands.

O. V. Praslov v. A. Kurrik; V. V. Kalachoff v. K.M.A. Barnett; A.Y. Brinkoff v. Sir H. Pollock.

RACING.—Entries close of the Hongkong Jockey Club's Second Extra Race Meeting, 12 noon.

TENNIS.—Colon's Championships.—Open Doubles—Lee Hua-kek and J. W. Leonard v. S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn (8); Handicap Singles—A. C. I. Bowker, 3.6 v. F. D. Hunter, plus 1.6 (1); M. Pagh, 3.0.3 v. G. S. Lovett, plus 2.6 (4); E. Zulauf, 1.5 v. W. G. Harvey, 2.6 (6); C. M. Stark, plus 3.6 v. W. M. Barton, 3.6 (7); Handicap Doubles—R. C. Best v. J. S. Theobald and S. M. Garrard, 5.6 (3); B. O'M. Deane and N. Spence, 4.6 v. B. D. Bidwell and A. T. Dow, 3.6 (5); Handicap Mixed Doubles—Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stark, scr. v. Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Valentine, 1.6 (2).

TOMORROW ATHLETICS.—Annual athletic Sports of La Salle College, in the College ground, 1 p.m. BADMINTON LEAGUE.—Mixed Doubles, Reckelo A. v. University.

J. W. Leonard In Great Form

EASILY BEATS O. RUMJAHN

J. W. Leonard had no difficulty in defeating O. Rumjahn in the Open Singles yesterday in spite of the latter's long experience in tournament tennis.

Leonard played an exceptionally good game and made rings round the Indian player with his hard, forceful drives and fine cross-court placing.

Leonard's play altogether much too fast for the veteran Rumjahn who was completely fatigued by the end of the second set. Leonard won the first set 7-5 and the second 6-2.

A SURPRISE

In the other Open Singles game R. G. Biesel, Jr., sprang a surprise when he defeated T. A. Pearce 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.

A. R. Kitchell and I. M. A. Razack received a "walk over" from Dew Shing-cheung and Ip Koon-hung in the Open Doubles.

In the Club championship, G. W. Sewell beat C. B. Nicholson 5-0, 6-3 and J. J. Ferguson beat Dr. A. H. Barwell 6-3, 7-5. The match between A. Lade and B. C. Fay was postponed.

The Club Handicap singles resulted as follows:—E. S. Hall (+1/8) beat F. Macleod (+1/8) 6-1, 6-4 and C. H. Hyde (—30) beat V. R. Gordon (—4/6) 6-4, 6-3.

Leonard will meet the winner of S. A. Rumjahn v. S. A. Gray in the fourth round.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Open Doubles—Lee Hua-kek and J. W. Leonard v. S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn.

TOMORROW

Open Doubles—Fang O-lam and Leung Ping-chiu v. J. L. C. Pearce and D. I. Bosanquet.

beating Brighton 5-1, and stricken Brighton are without a point in nine away games.

What football there was had its points—things were eventful at Bournemouth, where Sanaghan, Bournemouth left back, and Holliday, Brentford forward, were ordered off by the referee four minutes from the end of the game.

BRISTOL ROVERS FORCE DRAW

Swansea Town..... Bristol Rovers.....

Play was very close, but after 15 minutes Bristol went ahead with a good goal by Whitfield.

A Bristol attack forced Swansea to concede a corner, but play quickly went back to the Bristol end, when Briddom unsuccessfully tested Weare with a long shot.



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Tomorrow

The greatest adventure known to man is thrillingly reconstructed on the screen in Darryl F. Zanuck's production of "Stanley and Livingstone," which opens at the Majestic Theatre tomorrow.

Twice Academy Award winning Spencer Tracy turns in another masterful performance, co-starred with Nancy Kelly and Richard Greene at the head of one of the greatest acting casts ever assembled.

When Tracy, in the role of Henry M. Stanley, the crack young reporter on the old New York Herald, speaks those famous words, "Dr. Livingstone, I presume?" in the heart of Africa, drama's most thrilling moment is strikingly reenacted in this spectacular 20th Century-Fox film.

FIRE IN HANKOW

CHUNGKING, Mar. 13 (Central)

A fire broke out at a wharf in the Japanese Concession early in the morning of March 8, incurring a loss of approximately \$30,000, according to a Hankow message.

The seamen's club, a lighter and three junks and 1,000 tons of petrol were gutted. Japanese troops threw a cordon around the wharf during the fire.

Another report alleges that Chinese guerrillas entered the wharf, overpowered the Japanese guards and started the fire.

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COMING EVENTS

MARCH

14-Tides: High 11.50 a.m.; Low 5.45 a.m. and 6.50 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.35 a.m.; Sunset: 6.33 p.m.

Legislative Council Mtg. 2.30 p.m.

Army Inter-Unit Cross-Country Race from P.W.D. ground.

Chess Championship Continued.

R.A.C. Club Gen. Committee Mtg. 7.40 p.m.; Extraordinary Gen. Mtg. 8 p.m.

Ladies Golf: Spring Meeting.

Entries close for H.K. Jockey Club's Second Extra Race Meeting, noon.

S. and S. Home; Grand Concert, 8 p.m.

Chinese Industrial Co-operatives Mtg. Metropole Hotel, 1 p.m. Speaker: Miss Maude Russell.

Y.M.C.A. Games Morning 10 a.m.; A.D.C. Rehearsal 9 p.m.

Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Busy Bee's Knitting and Bandage-Making, Central Fire Station, 9.30 a.m.

Cathedral Women's Fellowship Working Party, Cathedral Hall, 3.30 p.m.

Boy Scouts Assn. Annual General Mtg. Sandilands Hut, 6.30 p.m.

Tung Wah Hospital Committee to be received by Governor, 12 noon.

Lawn Tennis Championships continued.

H.K. Y's Men's Club, "Ladies Night," St. Francis Hotel, 8 p.m.

Speaker: Mr. Kan Yu-wen.

First Aid Examination, S.C.M.P. Board Room, 5.30 p.m.

Theosophical Society Mtg. 8 p.m.

Ladies Bible Study, 216, Nathan Road, 10.30 a.m.

St. Andrew's Women's Fellowship, 2.30 p.m.

Sunday School Teachers' Assn. Cathedral Hall, 5.45 p.m.

Chero Club Contract Bridge, Catholic Cathedral, Lenien Mission, 6 p.m.

St. Andrew's Vicarage: Lenten Discussion, 9 p.m.

R.N.Y. Police Recreation Room, Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.

15-Tides: High 12.59 a.m. and 12.55 p.m. Low 6.45 a.m. and 7.52 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.34 a.m.; Sunset: 6.34 p.m.

St. Patrick's Society Dinner Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Claims against estate of Sybil Ruby Chaloner and Paul Mary Hodgson due.

Licensing Board Election, Urban Council Chamber, 4 p.m.

Raub Australian Gold Mining Co. Ltd., Fourth Interim Dividend payable.

C.B.S. Physical Training Display, 8 p.m.

Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

La Salle College Annual Sports, Diocesan School Old Boys' Annual Dinner, Chinese Merchants' Club, 8 p.m.

Lawn Tennis Championships continued.

Y.M.C.A. A.D.C. Rehearsal 6 p.m.; Badminton, 6 p.m.

Kowloon Res. Assn. Annual Meeting, 6 p.m.

First Air Lectures for Auxiliary Nurses Begin at Helena May Inst., 5.30 p.m.

16-Tides: High 1.35 a.m. and 1.14 p.m. Low 6.15 a.m. and 7.24 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.34 a.m.; Sunset: 6.34 p.m.

Criminal Sessions Open, 10 a.m.

Seven-a-Side Rugby Tourney (Final), 4.30 p.m.

Charity Dinner Dance for China War Relief, Hotel Cecil, 8 p.m.

Bank of East Asia, Annual Mtg., 8 p.m.

R.E.O.C.A. Carnival Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

C.B.S. Annual Sports, 2 p.m.

Queen's College, Annual Sports, 11.30 a.m.

Vibro Piling Co. Ltd. Annual Mtg., York Building, 12 noon to be followed by Extraordinary General Mtg.

H.E. the Governor and Lady Northcote leave for Fanning Lodge.

17-Tides: High 2.13 a.m. and 2.17 p.m. Low 6.40 a.m. and 16.54 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.33 a.m.; Sunset: 6.35 p.m.

Fairlie Hunt and Race Club, St. Patrick's, Day Meet at Kwant, 2.45 p.m.

Governor's Cup Soccer, Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.

H.K. Union Church, Masonic Service, 8 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.; Speaker: Mr. George Mich on "Reconstruction in West China."

18-Tides: High 3.20 a.m. and 3.26 p.m. Low 7.15 a.m. and 11.53 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.33 a.m.; Sunset: 6.35 p.m.

Crown Land Sale, P.W.D., 3 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. War Work 8 a.m.; Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.; A.D.C. Rehearsal 9 p.m.

19-Chero Club, Ladies Advisory Committee, Bridge and Mahjongue Drive, 3 p.m.

H.K. Automobile Assn. Annual Mtg., Linstead and Davis Office, 5.30 p.m.

Claims against estate of Alfred Edmund Hatch due.

Y.M.C.A. Bridge 10 a.m.; Badminton 6 p.m.; Mixed Swimming, 6 p.m.

20-H.K. Rope Manufacturing Co. Ltd. Annual Mtg., 10, Des Voeux Rd. C. 11.30 a.m.

Park School, Annual Sports, 2.45 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Badminton from 10 a.m.; A.D.C. Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

21-Chess Championship Continued.

H.K. Electric Co. Ltd. Annual Mtg., 11 a.m.; Extraordinary Gen. Mtg., 11.15 a.m.

Kai Tak Airport Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

King's College Annual Sports, Caroline Hill, 1.30 p.m.

Chinese Estates Ltd. Annual Mtg., China Building, 12 noon.

Pastorale Music, St. Andrew's Church 9 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Games Morning 10 a.m.; A.D.C. Rehearsal, 9 p.m.

22-Good Friday.

United Service of Christian Witness in Kowloon, 11.30 a.m.

St. Andrew's Club, Whist Drive, 8.45 p.m.

Golf: Happy Valley Golfers v. Kowloon Golfers.

Claims against estate of Herbert Hatch due.

H.K. Refectory Assn. Dance at Hotel Cecil, 8.30 p.m.

Pastorale Music, St. John's Cathedral, 9 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Badminton 6 p.m.; Mixed Swimming, 6 p.m.



Three great stars head a great cast in a great film. Tyrone Power as the romantic Major Ramsa Salti; Myrna Loy as the lovely amorous Lady Eketh; and George Brent as the world-weary Tom Ransome in Darryl F. Zanuck's production of "The Rains Came," the sensationally successful best-seller by Louis Bromfield, which 20th Century-Fox presents on Friday at the King's Theatre.

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12.15 p.m. Short Services of Intercession.

12.30 Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) at the Piano.

I Feel A Song Coming On (film "Every Night at Eight"), Love Is Like A Cigarette (Kent-Jernome); The Morning After (film "Hands across the Table").

12.40 Dance Music by The Casani Club Orchestra directed by Charlie Kunz.

Fox-Trots-It's Raining In California; Heart of Gold Fox-Trots-Wanderers; Easter Morning Fox-Trots-The Army Fell For Little Isabel; The Darlings of the Guards.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 The London Piano-Accordion Band.

Campus Moon (Smith & Others); The Cubalero (Cuban Rhythm Dance -Banker & Others); The Vamp of Havana (Gilbert & Sullivan); Happy, Happy (film "Caravan"); Wine Song (film "Caravan")-with Vocal Choruses.

1.20 Bala Da Costa at the Piano.

"Whoopie" -Medley (Kahn & Donaldson); "Mama" Carlo-Medley (Kahn & Others)-assisted by The Night Club Kings; Many Happy Returns of the Day (Kennedy & Dobson); Sweet and Lovely (Lemare & Others).

1.30 Bunter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.15 Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) and Waltzes by the Orchestra Mascotte.

Waltzes-In Dramatic Night (from "The Vagabond"-Lisner); Evening on the Rhine (Richard)-Orchestra Mascotte. This is The Kiss of Romance (from "Continental Varieties"); Dancing with My Darling (from "Continental Varieties")-Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with Orchestra Mascotte.

Waltzes To Vienna (Gilde); Donapalmen (Ivanovicarr. Holme) - Orchestra Mascotte; Parlez - Moi D'Amour (Lemarr); Dans La Pensee (Jazz Boe); Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with Orchestra. Waltzes -Badner Mad'ni (Kornzak); Song, Laughter and Dance (Zichrer-varr. Holme).

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Studio-Children's Hour.

6.45 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Songs by Paul Bobson (Bass).

Lullaby (from The Moor of Peter the Great); Down De Lovers Lane (Cook)-with Piano accomp. by Lawrence Brown Roll Up Sailormen (film Big Fella)-with Orchestral accomp.

6.57 Magyar Inre & His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

Little White Hollyhocks; Full of Acacias Is Our Village (Prater Lorand); There Are Unkissed Lips; White and Red Cross (Cross Bell); You Are The Yellow, Friend Tykody; My Little Velvet Hat; Oh! How Long It Seems; Hungarian Ceardas of George Magy - Slow and Quick (Karoly).

7.10 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots-Ridin' Up The River Road (Harry Woods); The Simple Things in Life (film "Curly Top")-Margo. "Harp" Lorenzi and His Rhythmic Tango - This Is The Kiss of Romance; Waltz-Love In Your Eyes-Eugene Pini & His Tango Orchestra; Fox-Trots - Alone (film "Night at the Opera"); Benny Meany Miney Mo (from "To Beat the Band")-Joe Venuti & His Orchestra.

7.30 London Relay-The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio-Two Piano Recital by Herbert & Bernhard Buff (from The Gloucester Hotel).

8.22 Late-Symphonic Espagnole for Violin & Orchestra, Op.31.

Bronislaw Huberman (Violin) and the Vienna Philharmonic Orch. conducted by Georg Szell.

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SHORT WAVE

DAVENTRY	Wavelength	Time
G.S.G.	17.75mc. (16.00m.)	11.00 a.m.
G.S.R.	9.51mc. (31.50m.)	11.00 a.m.
G.S.H.	21.47mc. (13.97m.)	11.00 a.m.
G.S.O.	14.18mc. (21.17m.)	11.00 a.m.
NEWS IN ENGLISH		
Transmission I-News Summary		4.00 p.m.
Full Bulletin		5.00 p.m.
Trans. II & III-News Summary		8.45 p.m.
Full Bulletin		7.30 p.m.
do		8.15 p.m.
do		12.00 mid. night
Transmission V-News Summary		7.30 a.m.
Full Bulletin		8.30 a.m.

SHORT TALKS FROM B.B.C.

(All Hongkong Time)	Time
Mondays - Background to the News	11.00 p.m.
Tuesdays - Background to the News	8.15 a.m.
In England Now	11.00 p.m.
Cards on the Table	8.00 p.m.
Wednesdays - In England Now	8.45 a.m.
Cards on the Table	8.15 a.m.
Matters of Moment	11.00 p.m.
Thursdays - Matters of Moment	8.45 a.m.
Background to the News	11.00 p.m.
Fridays - In England Now	11.00 p.m.
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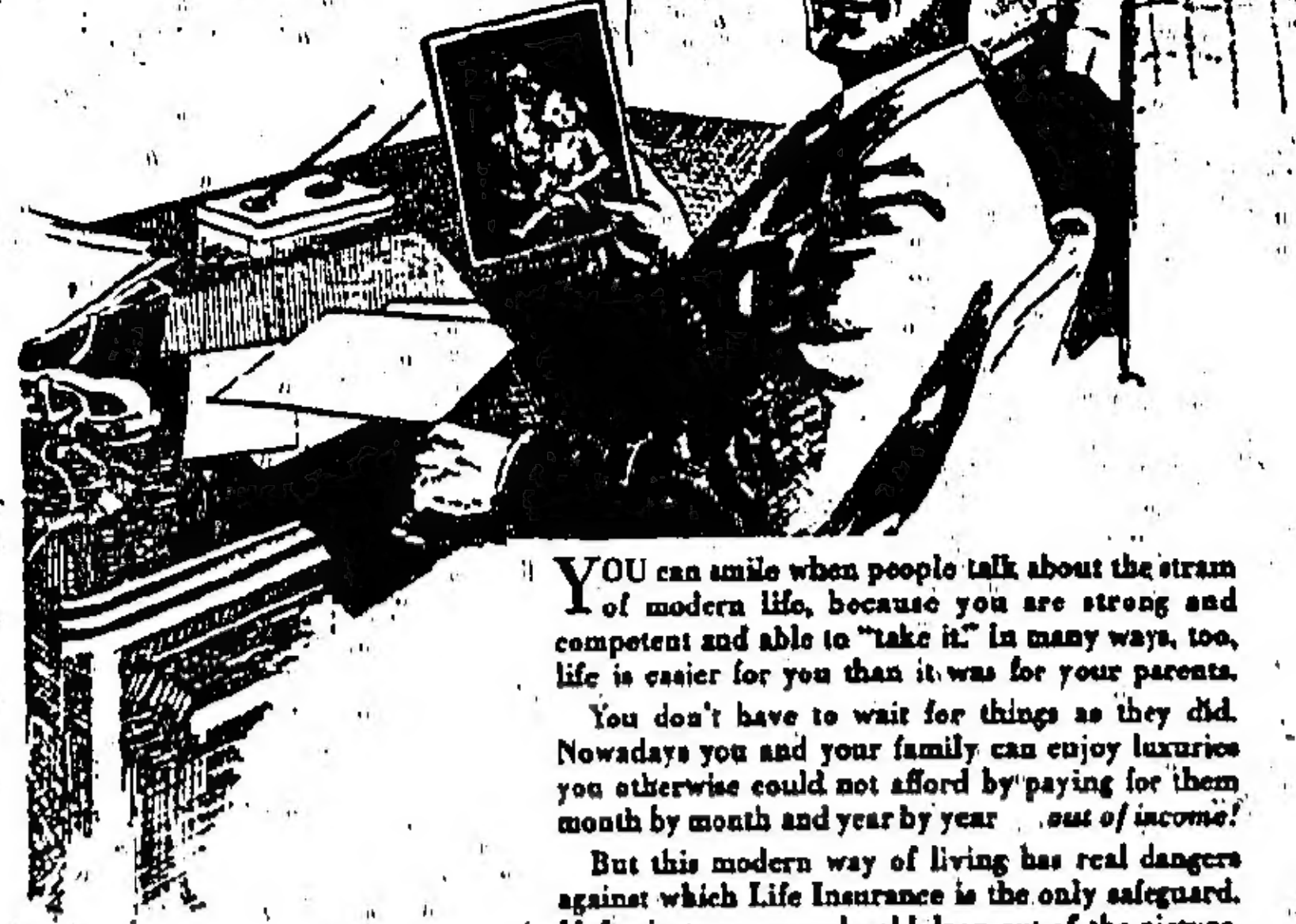
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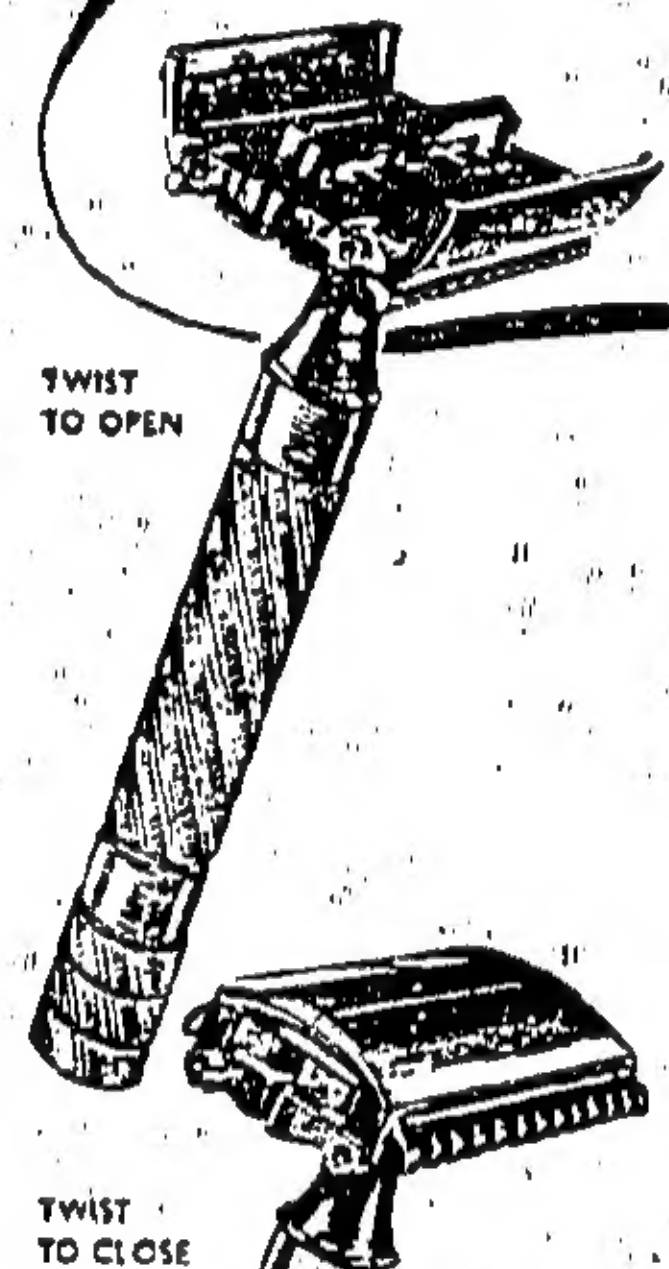
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MAJOR FAMINE TRAGEDY HOPEI & SHANTUNG AS CONFRONTS MILLIONS OF PEASANTS: EVEN COMMON EARTH NOW BEING EATEN

PEKING, MAR. 13 (REUTER)—ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM CENTRAL HOPEI, FAMINE CONDITIONS EXIST THERE AND MAJOR TRAGEDY LOOMS AS THE PEOPLE, already on a starvation level, are living on the bark of trees and even eating common earth, which is causing many deaths.

The desperate food shortage has even caused the peasants to root up wheat stalks, thus spoiling the spring crop.

Mussolini's Talks With Ribbentrop

VEIL PARTIALLY
LIFTED

ROME, Mar. 13 (Reuter)—The veil of secrecy which has hitherto surrounded the conversations between Signor Mussolini and Herr von Ribbentrop on Monday were partially lifted yesterday by an article in the Giornale d'Italia, which says:

"The conversations ranged over the entire European field and over the fundamental question of war aims and the establishment of an enduring peace."

BETTER PEACE
"It was stated that the essential object of the war must be to conclude a better peace than the previous one and Italy re-affirmed that this was not possible if account was not taken of her legitimate interests and rights following the line of the vast European construction, which was made the point of departure of the Axis and the Italo-German Alliance."

The Tribune emphasises that Italy's position is unchanged.

2 TRAWLERS ATTACK U-BOAT

FURTHER RAIDS
ON SHIPPING

LONDON, Mar. 13 (Reuter)—At an east coast port on Monday, the crews of two small trawlers arrived with their fishing gear gone, but with proof that they can more than hold their own against a U-Boat.

FIRE RETURNED
They sighted a submarine while they were fishing and both ships promptly cut away their nets to allow them to manoeuvre better and returned the fire of the U-Boat.

With shots falling all round her, the U-Boat dived.

BRITISH SHIP SUNK
LONDON, Mar. 13 (Reuter)—The crew of the British steamer Gardania (3,745 tons) were landed at an east coast port yesterday from a trawler which rescued them after the Gardania had sunk following an explosion.

AIR ATTACKS
The crew of a lightship some 30 miles off the Norfolk coast report two attacks by Nazi planes on their vessel. Altogether 18 bombs were dropped, but missed the lightship.

The Nazi ship Hannover has been towed into port as a prize.

ATTACKED BY R. A. F.
LONDON, Mar. 13 (Reuter)—The Air Ministry announced yesterday that, during a reconnaissance flight over Heligoland Bight and the estuaries, an aircraft of the R.A.F. Bomber Command, successfully attacked a German submarine at the entrance to the Schillig Roads. The submarine was seen to be hit by at least one bomb and is believed to have been sunk.

DUTCH VICTIM
LONDON, Mar. 13 (Reuter)—The latest Dutch victim of German action is the 7,000-ton tanker Orloff. All her crew of 42 are safe on board a British warship. Some 93,000 tons of Dutch shipping have now been sunk, with 217 seamen killed.

JAMAICA'S WAR FUND COLLECTIONS

LONDON, Mar. 13 (Reuter)—It is understood that 480 cases of Jamaica rum, valued at £500, and 150 barrels of coffee figure among the distributions made by the Jamaica Publicity Committee, out of £36,000 collected for War Fund purposes.

Conditions are especially bad around Paoingfu, while the whole district between Paoingfu and Tientsin has now been ascertained to be a famine area, parts of which are still inundated by last year's flood waters.

NO RESERVES
The people have to find means of living without garnering the fresh crops until September. Migrations are at foot from some districts and the position is made more desperate by the fact that the peasants have no food reserves, these having been commandeered either by Chinese Guerillas or the Japanese Forces.

MILLIONS STARVING
The number facing starvation, following last year's flood, was 3,000,000 in Hopei and 1,000,000 in Shantung. It is also learned that 12,500 villages were devastated in Hopei and 5,000 in Shantung and it is probable that the worsening conditions, which reached a climax this spring, has increased the number threatened with disaster.

In Peking, the poorer families have cut down their meals from three to one a day.

More German Planes Over Belgium

BRUSSELS, Mar. 13 (Reuter)—The Belgian Ambassador in Berlin has been instructed to make an energetic protest on the flight of German planes over Belgian territory yesterday.

A. A. FIRE
Two foreign planes, it is reported, flew over Liege at mid-day. They were fired on by anti-aircraft batteries and pursued by fighters.

Two hours later more planes flew over Liege and were fired at.

Difficulty Over Allied Aircraft Order Placed With U.S.A.

ARMY AND NAVY
WILL OPPOSE ANY
DELAY OF OWN
EXPANSION

WASHINGTON, Mar. 13 (Reuter)—The apparent delay in placing the new \$1,000,000,000 Allied aircraft order in the United States is reported to be substantially attributable.

PRESSURE BY ALLIES
Firstly, to the strong pressure which the Allies are reported to be bringing to bear on the United States administration to give Allied aircraft orders preference over the United States own requirements. In this connection there are strong indications in official quarters here that the Army and Navy departments would oppose delaying their own expansion programmes.

LATEST MODELS
Secondly, to the efforts to obtain release of certain of the latest models of the United States warplanes. Official quarters hint that the latest models will be released for foreign sale only when the United States have still better machines in sight.

Although the authorities have decided to release the new 400 miles-per-hour Curtiss P40 fighter, at least seven other types, which are at present being manufactured under orders from the United States Air Corps, or which are ready for production, have been withheld from export.

About \$10,000 was realised from five days' dramatic performance in Kweilin by the South-West Branch of the Japanese Anti-War League. Half of the amount will be used as a "comfort" fund for the Chinese front-line troops and the other half as a sinking fund for the South-West Branch.

STALKS IN STARVATION

Contraband And Asama Maru Nazis

JAPAN'S FOREIGN
MINISTER IS
QUESTIONED

TOKYO, Mar. 13 (Reuter)—The reported British seizure of contraband on the Japan Sea engaged the attention of the House of Representatives yesterday.

Asked whether Japanese ferry boats plying between Fusan, Korea, and Shimonoseki had been stopped by a British warship and boarded, Mr. Arita, Foreign Minister, replied that he had received no information of such an occurrence.

ASAMA MARU NAZIS
Answering another question about the detention in Hongkong of the remaining twelve Germans removed from the Asama Maru by a boarding party from a British Man-of-War near Tokyo Bay on Jan. 21, the Foreign Minister said that the Government was still negotiating with the British Government for their return. The present was not an opportune time to give out any report on the progress of the negotiations, he added.

CANTON PUPPETS FOR NANKING

CANTON, Mar. 13 (Reuter)—The Canton Delegation to the forthcoming meeting in Nanking of the newly-founded Central Political Council left here by air this morning.

It was headed by Pang Tung-yuan, head of the local administration.

Colonel Yoshida, chief of the Information Bureau, left for Nanking yesterday on promotion as Chief of Staff. His successor is Colonel Sakuma from Peiping.

The Kwangtung Provincial Government has telegraphed to the Kwangtung Provincial Bank in Hongkong asking it to allocate \$50,000 for the relief of war refugees who fled to Macao from Chungshan.

Parliament's Life To Be Prolonged?

HOUSE OF LORDS
QUESTION

LONDON, Mar. 13 (Reuter)—In the House of Lords yesterday, replying to a question as to whether it was proposed shortly to introduce a bill to prolong the life of Parliament, Earl Stanhope said that the Government was well aware of the necessity for considering this matter at no very distant date, because the life of the present parliament came to an end in November next.

He was, however, not in a position to make any statement on the matter that day.

CITIES EVACUATED
Continuing, Earl Stanhope said that there had been a very big scheme for evacuation in the present war and a really large number of the big cities had lost a number of their people and no one could possibly say whether these people would eventually go back to the cities.

If the war went on for some time, they might realise the attractions of the country and stop there.

I.R.A. TERRORISTS IMPRISONED

DUBLIN, Mar. 13 (Reuter)—Twelve years' imprisonment each was imposed on John Farnell, John Lyons, and Joseph McDermott, by the special Criminal Court in Dublin yesterday, on charges arising out of the recent Phoenix Park Magazine raid.



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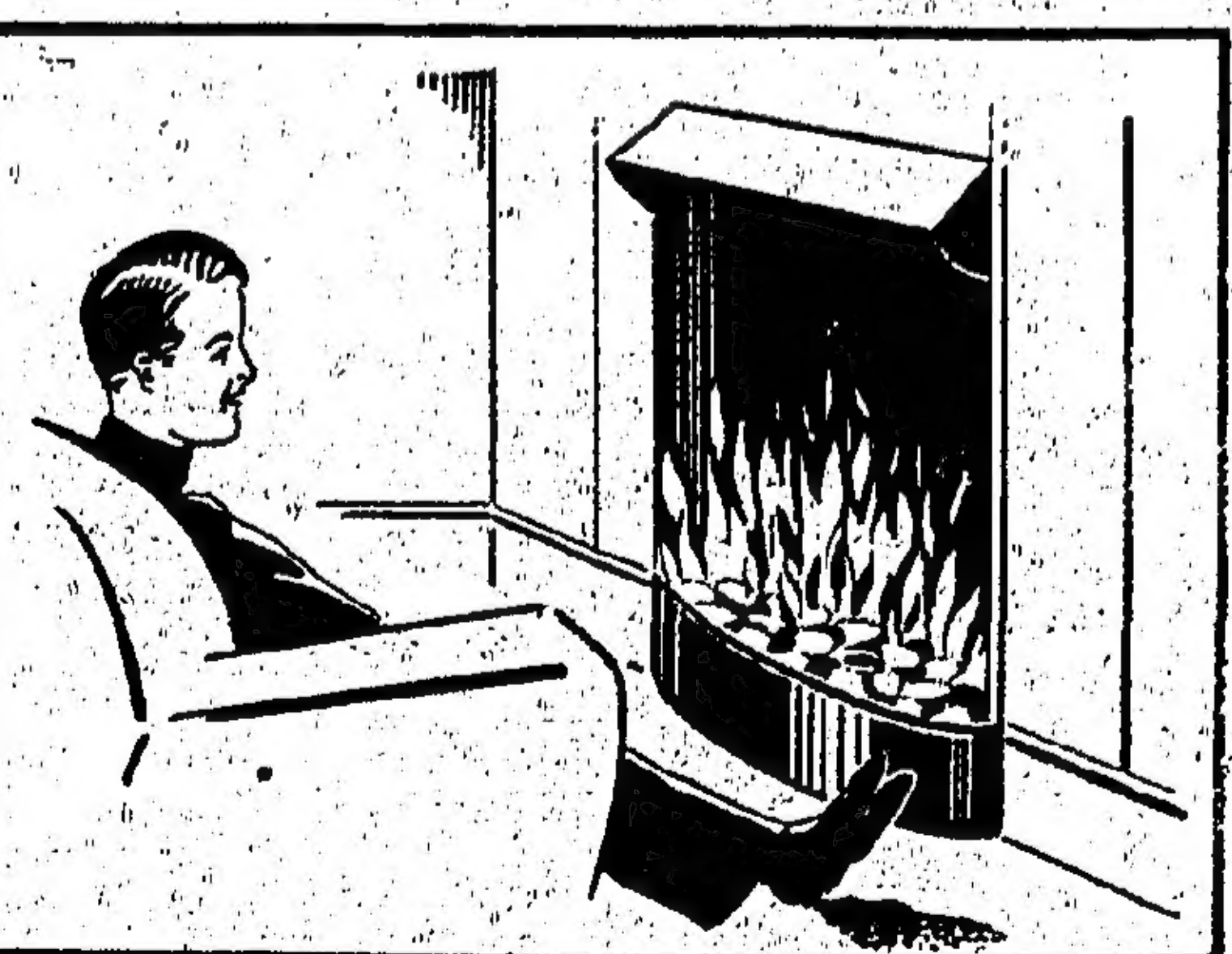
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Monetary Contribution Of £100,000 From Colony For Prosecution Of War

At this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Financial Secretary (Hon. Mr. H. R. Buttery) will move the first reading of a Bill to impose war taxes and to regulate the Collection thereof.

The Financial Secretary will also move.

That this Council approves the expenditure within the current and next financial years of \$5,000,000 on the construction in Hongkong of vessels to be presented to the Admiralty and War Department as part of the Colony's contribution to His Majesty's Government towards the prosecution of the war with Germany.

That this Council approves the gift to His Majesty's Government of £100,000 as a monetary contribution from the Colony of Hongkong towards the prosecution of the war with Germany.

FINANCE CAMPAIGN OF Y.W.C.A.

TOTAL COLLECTED NOW \$17,618.72

The second report rally of the Y.W.C.A. Finance Campaign was held yesterday afternoon, attended by members of the seventeen teams who are these weeks soliciting funds for the Y.W.C.A. This week's report shows the team led by Mrs. Samuel T. O. May as first with \$1,573 collected; Mrs. Chen Hing-wah's team was second, and Mrs. K. S. Shin's team was third.

As each of the seventeen teams reported the huge candle was coloured red, and now shows a total of \$17,618.72 secured since the opening of the campaign on Feb. 28.

The rally was opened with the serving of tea by the Yik Chong Club (senior members of the Y.W.C.A.) of which Mrs. Ma Ying-pui is president.

After the reports three activity groups of the Y.W.C.A. presented short items—the Yik Chong Club delighted the workers by appearing in costume and singing; a group of students presented a skit; and a group from the Industrial Department also presented a skit.

Mrs. Jade Wong Wu was chairman for the afternoon.

The final rally will be on March 20 when the campaign closes and it is hoped that the full sum sought, \$30,000 will then be in hand. The prize winning teams and individuals will then be announced.

Two Chinese Weddings At Registry

Well-Known Tennis Player Married

The Registry, Supreme Court, was the scene yesterday of two Chinese weddings of note.

In the first ceremony, the parties were Mr. Ng Siu-cheong and Miss Agnes Leung Wal-ching. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Ng Chak-wa, Chinese agent of the Java-China-Japan Line and vice-chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and nephew of Mr. Ng Chek-wing, senior interpreter of the Supreme Court. His bride is the daughter of Mr. Leung Man-king, of No. 27 Wongneichong Rd.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, officiated at the ceremony, which was witnessed by Messrs L. T. Law and Y. A. Kow.

TSUI-IP

The parties in the other ceremony were Mr. Tsui Yun-pui, well-known tennis star and younger of the two Tsui brothers, who have shone in local tennis for many years, and Miss Ip Yun-hing.

Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar, another keen tennis player who recently lost to Mr. Tsui in the first round of the Colony singles championship, officiated at the ceremony. The witnesses were the groom's brother, Mr. Tsui Wal-pui, and Mr. Ip Fook-ling.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:—

Mr. Arthur Stanley Powles, wireless operator, H. M. S. Tamar, and Miss Olga Lyons, dance hostess, of No. 20, Jordan Road;

Mr. Lu Kwan-chuan, assistant resident surgeon, Peking Union Medical College, residing at No. 12, Tsing Fung Street, and Miss Tsao Ching-hua, assistant head nurse

REDUCTION OF CAPITAL

COURT ALLOWS STEAMSHIP CO.'S PETITION

Reduction of the Capital of the Tung On Steamship Co., Ltd., of No. 6, Queen's Road Central from \$2,500,000 to \$2,000,000 was confirmed yesterday when the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, made an order granting a petition brought by the Company.

FORMED IN 1926

Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, instructed by Mr. P. Y. Woo, appeared for the petitioners. He said that the company was formed in 1926 and incorporated shortly afterwards with a capital of \$2,500,000, divided into 25,000 shares of \$100 each.

The business consisted in running steamers between Hongkong and the southern river ports, and the balance sheet of the company at the end of last year showed an excess of assets over liabilities of \$630,018, although there was a small deficit on trade, which it was proposed to write off.

There was available, a large amount in the bank, and, in view of conditions in China, the directors had decided against further investments and to repay instead the surplus to shareholders.

SHAREHOLDERS' APPROVAL

At a meeting held in the Company's office, in February, the reduction was approved by shareholders, said Mr. Anderson. The proposal was to reduce the present capital to \$2,000,000, consisting of 20,000 of \$100 each.

The petition was duly granted.

Mr. S. E. Faber, A.F.C., B.Sc., M.Inst.C.E., etc., will deliver a lecture entitled "Concrete" to the Hongkong University Engineering Society tomorrow at 8.30 p.m. in Room 'K' of the University. All interested are welcome.

17 Cases For Trial At Sessions

At the Criminal Sessions, which commences at the Supreme Court on Saturday morning, 17 cases will be tried. The accused, and the nature of their offences, are:—

Li Yan Kee and three others: robbery by two or more.

Lai Shing and Li Fai: robbery by two or more.

Cheung Ping, Yip Ping, Pang Kwai and Pang Kau: armed robbery in dwelling and unlawful possession of arms and ammunition.

Ng Mei, So Chung, Yu Shing, Wong Cheung, Leung Chau and Chan Wan: attempted robbery and possession of arms.

Cheung Fuk: breach of a deportation order.

Li Chai, alias Wong Fuk: breach of a deportation order.

Cheung Yan, Tsui Siu, Li Fung and Li Kwong: possession of dangerous drugs.

Yu Chun and Lam Lan (woman): possession of dangerous drugs.

Cheung Cheuk and Chiu Wai: uttering a forged banknote and possession of a forged banknote.

Chau Ching-hung: uttering a forged banknote and possession of a forged banknote.

Lee Tung: possession of a forged banknote and uttering a forged banknote.

Chu Siu-po: uttering a forged document.

Sung Yuk-lai, alias Sung Yung, Hui Chung and Wan Chun: assault with intent to rob.

Lau Po-lor, alias Paul Lau: simple larceny, possession of arms and ammunition, shooting with intent and shooting with intent to maim.

Wong Chun: possession of arms without a licence.

Kwok Shun-chuen, receiving stolen property.

Ho So: conspiracy and threatening to accuse of crime with intent.

British War Organisation Fund: February Statement

The statement of receipts and payments of the British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong Branch, for the month of February, reveals that donations and subscriptions during the month amounted to \$27,399.72.

On the payments side, purchases absorbed \$2,288.80, while packing, transport and insurance charges, together with office expenses takes the total expenditure to \$2,891.41.

Balance in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank was \$85,346.83.

RECEIPTS

To balance, brought forward at Feb. 1, 1940, \$40,399.72; To Donations and subscriptions—Feb., \$27,399.72. Total: \$68,311.40.

PAYMENTS

By purchases: Knitting Wool, Cambric, Gauze Dressings, etc., \$2,187.50; Sewing Materials, \$71.30. Total: \$2,258.80.

By packing, transport and insurance, \$218.83.

By office expenses: Salaries and Wages, \$355; Stationery and Printing, \$11.75; Stamps and Postages, \$11.20; Posters, \$23.50; Travelling, \$1.90; Petty Cash, \$0.38. Total: \$403.73.

Expenditure for February, 1940: \$2,891.41.

By balance—monies in hand on February 29, 1940—Current Account Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, \$85,346.83; Petty Cash, \$73.15. Total: \$85,419.98.

Grand Total: \$88,311.40.

PASSENGERS

Arrivals From Shanghai

Arrivals in the Colony yesterday from Shanghai were Mr. I. K. Dunn, Mr. Y. K. Ho, Mr. Hui Chan, Master Ho Sao-ying, Master Ho Sao-ling, Mr. Duntso Yuen, Mr. and Mrs. Hung Wei, Mr. T. R. Hou, Mr. H. M. Le Marchant, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Judd, Mr. and Mrs. Koo Jeay-ling, Mr. W. M. Portrude, Mr. and Mrs. Seetoo, Mr. R. S. Boyd, Mr. W. E. Grieve, Mr. C. T. Loh, Mr. K. T. Oel, Mr. F. S. Liu, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Chang, Mr. of Fottinger, Mr. G. D. Komaroff, Mr. and Mrs. Chang Ting Sing, Mr. J. J. Peters, Miss A. N. Anderson, Mr. C. S. Yang, Mr. T. S. Wang, Mrs. On, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wong, Mr. L. N. Federoff, Mr. I. S. Saburoff, Mrs. Olga Fumagalli, Mr. C. L. Hsu, Mrs. Wang and two children, Mr. L. C. Mao, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Lee, Mr. Dixon Li, Mr. A. I. Naploff, Mrs. H. Ellis and Miss

WATCHMAN CAUTIONED

Giam Hong, 23, private watchman, appeared before Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Court yesterday charged with negligence while on duty.

The defendant was employed by the China Construction Company to look after a match in Shou-sun Hill. He went on duty on the night of March 11. Later in the night the magazine was broken into and dynamite to the value of \$182 was stolen.

Taking into consideration the fact that the defendant would lose his employment, Mr. Sheldon cautioned him.

of the P.U.M.C., residing at No. 1, King's Terrace;

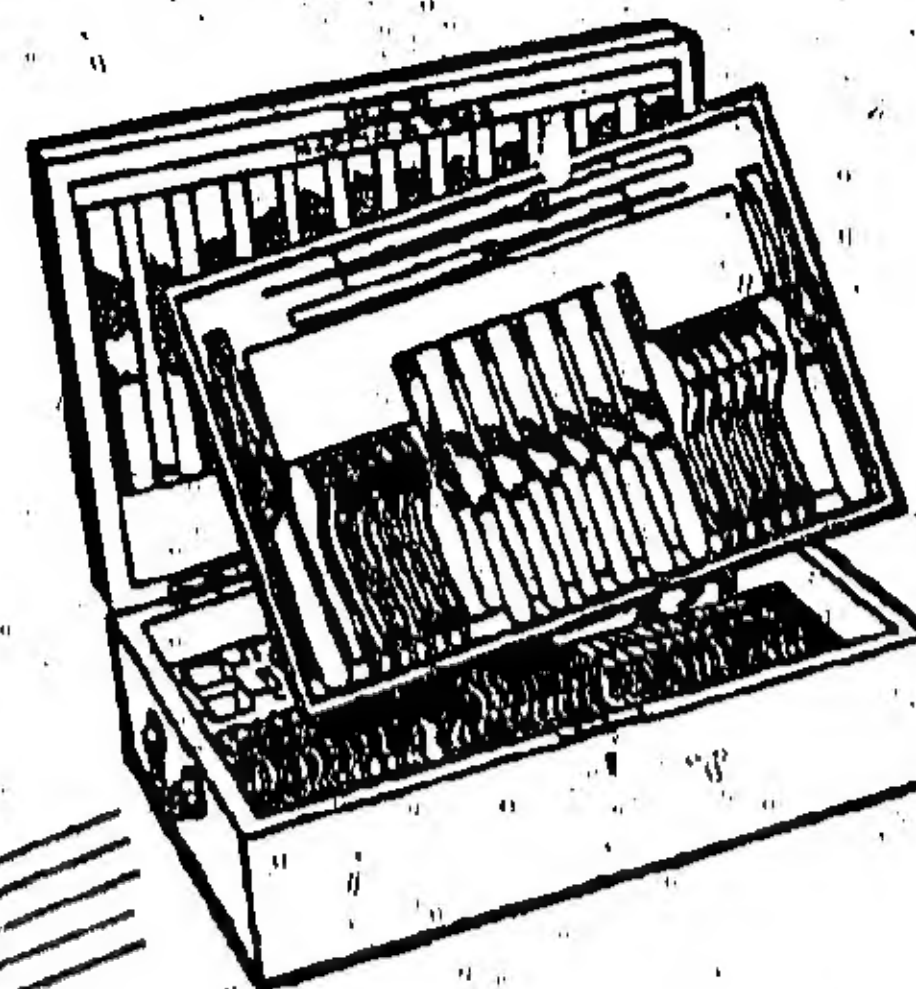
Mr. Yung Yook-ge, accountant of the Wa Kiu Yat Po, Macao, and Miss Chan Pui-fong, of No. 376, Prince Edward Road.

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MORRISON HILL ROAD ROBBERY RECALLED

Four Unemployed Men Charged

Four unemployed men, Kwan Din, Ng Chun, Mak Tin and Wu Liu, appeared before Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Court charged with having entered the ground floor of No. 40, Morrison Hill Road on Oct. 4 and robbed the inmates.

Det.-Insp. W. N. Darkin said that the complainant, a widow, named Lo Kit-ching, went with her daughter to a theatre, leaving two amahs to look after the house.

Later one of the servants went out and when the second servant had closed the door she found that several men had entered the premises. She was bound and gagged and was pushed into the bathroom while the premises were ransacked.

After the robbers had decamped she managed to free herself and a report was made to the police.

Last month, the police, on information arrested one of the defendants and the others were subsequently taken into custody.

Following evidence, second defendant, Ng Chun, was discharged as there was no evidence against him.

The hearing was adjourned until this morning when Mr. Sheldon will decide whether the defendants should be sent for trial or not.

COLONY HEALTH

Twenty-four cases of tuberculosis, two cases of small-pox (both from Kowloon), six cases of cerebro-spinal fever, two cases each of diphtheria and chicken-pox and one case each of enteric fever, measles and dysentery were notified to the Health Department on Mar. 12.

Ellis, Mr. D. E. Rebok, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ho, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Pei-ling, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lam, Mr. H. S. Chan and Mr. Feshing Wu.

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THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

The Seventy-first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Thursday, the 4th April, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st March, to the 4th April, 1940, both days inclusive.

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General Managers,
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Hong Kong, 14th March, 1940.

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THE BOY SCOUTS' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Branch of The Boy Scouts' Association will be held on Thursday, March 14th, at 5.30 p.m., at Sandiland Hut. His Excellency Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G., will preside. All members, subscribers and their friends, and also any members of the public who are interested in the Movement, are cordially invited to attend.

D. A. POCKSON,
Hon. Secretary.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 18th day of March 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Blue Pool Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Blue Pool Road.	As per sale plan.	About 84,000	1,502	33,000

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 18th day of March 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 3770.	As per sale plan.	About 5,760	106	11,580

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HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 26th March, 1940, at noon for the consideration of the Directors' Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1939.

The Sharp Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to 26th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 27th Feb. 1940.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty Third Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held in the Jacobean Room of the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 28th March, 1940, at NOON for the following purposes, namely, to consider the annual statement of accounts and the balance sheet and the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect directors and auditors in the place of those retiring, to declare a dividend, to appropriate the balance of Profit & Loss A/C as recommended by the Directors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given that the Share Transfer Registers will be closed from 18th March, 1940, to 28th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
R. A. WICKERSON,
Secretary & Manager.
Hong Kong, 12th March, 1940.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 18th day of March 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Castle Peak, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Castle Peak.	As per sale plan.	About 45,870	310	2,394

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BIRTH
FORD.—On March 8, 1940, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, to Margaret, wife of Mr. J. F. Ford a son, Richard.

MARRIAGE
WHITMORE-WHITE.—On March 9, 1940, at the British Consulate-General, Shanghai and at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Robert, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Whitmore, Sr., to Ada, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. White, late of Shanghai, now resident at Kowloon, China.

DEATHS
WONG.—On Saturday, March 9, 1940, at the home of Dr. Lulu M. Discoway, Lane 381, House 11, Avenue Road, Shanghai, Susie Wong, aged 86 years.
BASSET.—On March 9, 1940, at 151 Tamsin Road, Shanghai, Eugene Louis, in his seventeenth year, dearly beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Basset.
DAVIS.—On March 8, 1940, at Bournemouth, England, Rodney Owen, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Davis, aged fourteen years.

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PEACE IN FINLAND

NOW THAT A TREATY of peace between the Soviet Union and Finland has been signed in Moscow, the question that will remain in the minds of most people is whether Finland had any reason to have fought at all.

BY THE TERMS of the treaty, the Soviets are to receive the Karelian Isthmus, including Viborg and the Mannerheim line, a thirty year lease of the island of Hangö at an annual rental of 8,000,000 marks, a part of the Rybach Peninsula, and transit rights in the region of Petsamo. Everyone with a knowledge of international relations will concur with the view of official circles in Paris that these provisions are not harsh. They conform in all important respects to the original demands, exceeding only those concerned with the position on the Karelian Isthmus and omitting the reciprocal cession of Soviet territory which was at first offered. No indemnity of any kind is to be extracted. No political control is claimed. As a price of defeat, the terms appear moderate and in no sense dishonourable.

RECENT DESPATCHES show clearly that the peace is welcomed both by the man in the street in Finland, and by the Scandinavian countries which were panic-stricken at the thought of a great international war evenuating on their soil. The rise of all values on the Stockholm Stock Exchange is only one indication of that relief. Norway and Sweden are in a particularly unfortunate position which dooms them, so long as the war in Europe lasts, to subjection to every kind of Third Power pressure. They appear confident, however, that they will emerge from this ordeal with the lives and property of their people spared destruction and their national independence intact. Had their territories become a battlefield, everything would have been devoured in the flames of war.

THERE IS NO USE glossing over the fact that the present end of the Soviet-Finnish struggle is a bitter blow to advocates of an immediate Allied war on Russia, and a disappointment, in view of the diplomatic line-up at the moment, to large circles of people in England and France. Realists will perceive, how-

Free China Observes 15th Anniversary Of Death Of Dr. Sun Yat-sen

CHUNGKING, Mar. 13 (Central).—All Free China observed the 15th anniversary of the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Founder of the Chinese Republic, and the first anniversary of the National Spiritual Mobilisation Day, which both fell on yesterday.

In the wartime capital, the day was crowded with activities such as oratorical and athletic contests and planting of trees, with a mammoth torch parade as the climax.

BROADCAST SPEECH
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek personally presided at a mass meeting and made a broadcast speech on the significance of the National Spiritual Mobilisation Movement.

Commemoration meetings were also held in various key cities throughout Free China, including Kiang, Chong, Changsha, Lu-chow, Kwelling, Shukwan, Kwelyang, and Lanchow.

ever, that with Moscow feeling more secure now that the gaps in the Soviet northern defences have been closed, there is every prospect of more cordial relations between the U.S.S.R. and the Allies. That the proposals to Finland were first routed through Lord Halifax, to the evident pique of the Nazis, is an indication that the Soviets desire such an improvement in the diplomatic atmosphere. With confidence on both sides, there is no reason why Soviet neutrality should not become much more favourable to Britain and France and much less so to Germany. There would be here no question of a "Munich." In the first place, Finland did not have a guarantee from the Western Powers, as did Czechoslovakia and Poland. Secondly, she has not lost her independence, or been pronounced an inferior nation fitted only for subjection, or been declared a "protectorate," or anything of the kind.

IT IS PROBABLE that, with the Finnish question settled, Russia will seek some guarantee from the Balkan countries that she will not be attacked from that quarter. There is evidence that an improvement of her relations with Turkey and Iran is already on the way, with the signing of reciprocal trade pacts with these countries.

ALL THESE THINGS should not stand in the way of a better understanding between her and the Allies. There is little doubt anywhere that the Soviets are really anxious for their own security and that this, and not Hitler-like motives of imperial aggrandisement, comprises the basic motive of her policy today. A gesture of goodwill in her direction would be an allaying of apprehension, not "appeasement," of aggression as was the case at Munich and Godesberg.

AS WAS STATED in the Reuter message of March 9 on the feeling in Chungking, China is naturally happy that her own situation has not been made more difficult by the prolongation of a struggle which would almost inevitably have involved the Soviet Union and the Allies—both her friends—in a bitter and prolonged war. Now that the question of Finland, a nation of three millions, appears to have been settled without any sacrifice of Finland's independence, she hopes that all the Powers will turn their attention to the crying need of 450,000,000 Chinese whose struggle is much more important to the future of the world and who have never received either the unlimited expressions of encouragement or the extent of material aid which has already gone to the Finns. At the same time, she will learn from the battles in the North, the necessity of maintaining full independence in her policies and, while seeking the international support to which she is by treaty entitled, to rely in all things on her own growing strength alone.

However, Generalissimo Chiang warned against contentment with the minor successes achieved. In his opinion the National Spiritual Mobilisation Movement has not been fully popularised for the fostering of a general energetic and conscientious spirit is a prerequisite for the speedy consummation of China's reconstruction.

Generalissimo Chiang criticised that the Movement's tenets of thoroughness, endurance and patience have not yet been fully displayed, and one of the Chinese weaknesses at present is the lack of conscientiousness.

For further promotion of the Movement Generalissimo Chiang enjoined the nation to do four things; to thoroughly carry out the Movement's programme; to intensify the economic struggle against the enemy; to increase production and expedite reconstruction by competitive methods; and to popularise the people's monthly meetings as required by the Movement.

A bullock at Leighton Buzzard market weighing 1 ton 4 cwt. was sold by weight to the Ministry of Food for 279 11s. 10d. It was the largest bullock ever sent to the market. Four years ago it was bought as a calf for £2 10s.

NEW PHASE OF CONSCRIPTION IN GERMANY

BERLIN, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Germany has now entered upon a new phase of conscription. All males between the ages of ten and eighteen are now to enter, compulsorily, Hitler Youth organisations and youths between seventeen and eighteen are to be given preliminary military training.

FINE CONCERT IN AID OF B.W.O.F.

Governor Present At K.C.C.

A splendid programme arranged for the Variety Concert at the Kowloon Cricket Club last night provided excellent entertainment for all who attended. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote attended at the concert, which was in aid of the B.W.O.F.

The singers were Helen Lockhart (contralto), Doris Blair (soprano) and Gaston D'Aquino (tenor). Edna Millard and E. O'Neill Shaw were the accompanists.

Variety was provided by Winnie Cox, elocutionist, who chose for her monologues selections from G. E. Shaw's "St. Joan" and Sheridan's "A School for Scandal." Hal Lorenzo played selections on the piano, and other artists, in the programme were Bill Simpson and Vic Labrum, two popular comedians, who were both accorded warm reception, Wan Lung, in a juggling act, and Mr. Chiu, the magician.

ANGLO-FRENCH CO-OPERATION

LONDON, Mar. 13 (Reuter).—To a suggestion that there should be a joint session of the British and French Parliaments with a view to emphasising the political unity between England and France, Mr. R. A. Butler, in the House of Commons, declared that the unity of purpose and co-operation between the two countries was so clearly achieved as to render this unnecessary.

ALLIED ECONOMIC MISSION TO U.S.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 13 (Havas).—M. Charles Rist and Mr. Ashton Gwatkin, French and British economic experts, entrusted with a special mission to the United States, told the press that their mission was proceeding smoothly. The main question remaining to be settled was the control of American goods in British and French ports.

WANCHAI FIRE

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and other products used in the production of toilet requisites and the finished articles.

It is learned that goods valued at \$300,000 have been destroyed, while the building itself is valued at \$100,000.

The ground floor, which had been leased to the Chun Nam Rice Company, of Bonham Strand East, contained 3,400 bags of rice which were moved in only on Tuesday. The total value of the rice is placed at \$150,000. It is not known how much of the rice has been damaged by fire and how much by water.

ALL INSURED

The building and other property were all insured with the Insurance Company of North America, Messrs. Butterfield and Swire and Messrs. Dowell and Co., Ltd.

The fire assumed a graver aspect about 6 p.m., when, after a series of small explosions, great tongues of flame again shot up. Some fire appliances, which had been sent back to the stations, were again summoned out, but by 7 p.m. the fresh outbreak died down.

The trams, which were stopped as soon as the fire started and which were lined up, on the western end, as far as the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, resumed normal service about 8 p.m.

There was no person in the premises when the fire started.

RUSSO-FINN PEACE TREATY ANNOUNCED WHILE FRENCH PREMIER DECLARES THAT ALLIED FORCES ARE READY TO GO TO FINLAND'S AID

Viborg, Karelian Isthmus To Be Ceded To The Russians

BERLIN, Mar. 13 (Reuter)—The conclusion of a Russo-Finnish Peace Treaty was announced in a Moscow despatch to the Official German News Agency.

The despatch says that the most important points in the Treaty are:

FIRST, the immediate discontinuance of all military operations by both sides;

SECONDLY, the cession of the Karelian Isthmus, including Viborg, to the Soviet;

THIRDLY, the military base on the Peninsula of Hangoe to be ceded to the Soviet.

A New York message states that Moscow broadcasts confirm that a Peace Treaty was concluded.

An Official despatch from Moscow states that the Russo-Finnish peace terms were signed there and that hostilities would cease at noon on Wednesday.

MEANTIME—

DESPERATE BATTLE FOR VIBORG CONTINUES

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 13 (Reuter)

—Desperate fighting was raging last night in the outer suburbs of Viborg. The Finns, entrenched in the ruins of empty houses, were mowing down the attackers with withering machine-gun fire.

Shells of every calibre rained upon the town, starting fires which the Finns do not attempt to extinguish.

FRESH POSITIONS

As the Russians advance in masses, the Finns retire strategically to fresh positions, making the Russians pay dearly for the ground gained.

It is estimated that the Russians have hitherto lost between 300,000 and 400,000 men and are still losing 4,000 to 5,000 daily.

The Finns are reported to have lost 2,000 young officers on the Isthmus.

FINNISH COMMUNIQUE

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 13 (Reuter)—A Finnish communiqué states that the enemy succeeded in advancing a little on Monday on the northwest shore of the Bay of Viborg. The Russian attacks east of Viborg were repulsed, except in the direction of Pail, where the fighting continues.

Enemy attempts to advance on the ice to Vuoksen were repulsed. The Finnish Air Force bombed enemy troops, artillery and tank columns.

Soviet planes bombed several places and two people were killed, while fifteen enemy planes were shot down.

ARMY ESTIMATES INTRODUCED BY WAR MINISTER

LONDON, Mar. 13 (Reuter)—In introducing the Army Estimates in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Oliver Stanley, War Minister, said it would be improper and undesirable for him to attempt to forecast in war, as his predecessors did in peace, what task the British Army might be called upon to fulfill in the future.

Whatever it might be called upon to face, he said, the Army had not yet been subjected to the same intensive test as the Navy and Air Force.

After recalling how the idea of a Continental Army had been bitterly opposed in Britain, Mr. Stanley said that the nature of events which led up to Munich showed some of them that if a conflict were not absolutely inevitable it was dangerously near.

WISE DECISION

Mr. Stanley referred to the decision taken last year to equip the Army on a Continental scale. "The B.E.F.," he added, "is in France and the wisdom of the decision to send it there is not questioned by anyone."

Mr. Stanley added that it was well to bear in mind that whereas a general decision to rearm was taken by this country in 1933, the decision to equip the Army on the present scale with masses of modern equipment and ammunition which modern warfare necessitated was only taken a year ago.

Turning to the Army at home, Mr. Stanley said that in the anti-aircraft units thousands of men were moved out even before the declaration of war to war stations where they had been ever since.

Mr. Stanley proceeded to say that the country appreciated what they had already received, and would continue to receive very valuable assistance from the Dominions, India and the Colonies.

ALLOWANCE SCHEME

Mr. Stanley announced various improvements in the scheme for dependents' allowances in order to meet criticisms and also said that he had decided to substitute for the term "unmarried wife" the words suggested by the Archbishop of Canterbury "unmarried dependent living as a wife."

The general changes in the dependents allowances scheme would

apply equally to the Navy, Marines and Air Force.

Mr. Stanley concluded by expressing confidence that the sons of those who were victorious twenty-five years ago would repeat their fathers' triumphs, and added: "It is for us to avoid our mistakes."

NO SURPRISE IN FRANCE

PARIS, Mar. 13 (Reuter)—The announcement of the Finnish peace terms did not surprise official circles.

It is stated that the terms are less harsh than was feared and that the Allies could claim that their attitude probably has been an important factor in moderating the Russian terms.

Mr. Stanley concluded by expressing confidence that the sons of those who were victorious twenty-five years ago would repeat their fathers' triumphs, and added: "It is for us to avoid our mistakes."

PEACE PACT TEXT

MOSCOW, Mar. 13 (Reuter).—The full official version of the peace terms confirms that the document has been signed.

FINNISH CONCESSIONS

It shows the cession of the Karelian Isthmus, which includes the town of Viborg, the Bay of Viborg and the islands in the Bay.

The exact extent of Finland's concessions are shown on an accompanying map, but the written terms state that the Soviet Union will include the territory north and west of Lake Ladoga, with the towns of Kexholm, Sortavala and Tahmajaervi, a number of islands in the Gulf of Finland, the territory of Maerkaervi, including Koulajarvi, and parts of the Peninsula of Ristachi and Sredny.

The contracting parties undertake to refrain from acts of aggression against each other and from concluding alliances directed against either party.

A thirty-year lease on Hangoe, against an annual rental of 8,000,000 Finnish marks, and includes a number of neighbouring islands. Finland agrees to withdraw forces from Hangoe within ten days.

Finland agrees not to keep in the waters of the Arctic Ocean naval and other vessels exceeding 100 tons each and will refrain from establishing naval bases and shipyards in excess of those required for the above-mentioned ships.

Free transit across Petsamo is confirmed and the agreement states that the Kandalaksha-Kemijarvi Railway is to facilitate the Soviet right of transit traffic with Sweden.

The Treaty comes into force immediately and the documents of ratification will be exchanged within ten days.

The Soviet evacuation of the Petsamo district will be completed by April 10.

Peace Treaty Confirmed

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Immediately after M. Tanner's broadcast flags were flown at half-mast on all public buildings.

NO CONFIRMATION

LONDON, Mar. 13 (Reuter)—Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns that up to 11 a.m. B.S.T. today the Finnish Legation in London was entirely without confirmation of the reports of a Finnish-Soviet peace treaty having been signed in Moscow.

The last information received from Helsinki, during the night, was to the effect that negotiations were continuing in Moscow.

Finland circles expressed doubts that the terms broadcast by the Moscow Radio had been agreed to by the Finnish delegation and regarded the Russian broadcast as a premature claim.

SECRET MEETING

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 13 (Reuter)—It is understood that a further secret meeting of the Finnish Parliament will be taking place today.

Finland's final decision on the peace terms will probably be published in the course of today. The Finnish Parliament was still in session at 3 a.m. debating the peace terms.

11 A.M. ARMISTICE

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 13 (Reuter)—Confirmation from the Finnish side of the Moscow announcement of peace with Finland came this morning in a 20-minute broadcast by the Foreign Minister, M. Tanner.

The armistice came into operation at 11 a.m. at which hour all fighting ceased.

Some newspapers announce the "foreign radio reports" of the conclusion of peace but the news was given merely as a report in the absence of an official statement.

It is pointed out that even if the delegation has power to sign a pact with Russia such an agreement would make vital changes in the country and necessitate ratification by the Finnish Parliament.

Finland law requires such ratification to be passed by a majority of five-sixths.

C. E. Clarke, British subject residing at No. 17, Homunin Hill, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Court yesterday for a breach of the Registration of Persons Regulations.

The defendant was stated to have moved from Knutsford Hotel to his present address without notifying the authorities. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

British Leftist Politician Declares Britain Could Have "Show Down" With Japanese Easily If It Was Necessary

Sir Stafford Cripps Sure China Will Win War

SHANGHAI, MAR. 13 (REUTER)—SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS, BRITISH LEFT-WING POLITICIAN, WHO VISITED INDIA, CHUNGKING AND MOSCOW, ARRIVED HERE FROM HONGKONG EN ROUTE TO JAPAN.

Interviewed Sir Stafford Cripps said he did not doubt that Chungking will win the war against Japan. He explained that he could not see the Japanese being driven out of the country unless the Chinese got heavier war material, but he could visualise "the Japanese getting out."

Reuter On Chungking's Reactions

CHUNGKING, March 13

(Reuter)—News of the peace agreement between the Soviet and Finland did not come as a surprise to Chinese circles in Chungking but the report was received with mixed feelings.

The Chinese generally welcome the news of the peace agreement since it is believed here that a peaceful settlement of the Soviet-Finnish conflict will lessen the danger of Russian involvement in a European war and ease her anxiety on the Western front thereby enabling her to give more attention in the Far East.

On the other hand, it is said that much will depend on the terms of the agreement.

If they do not affect the independence and sovereign rights of Finland, it is stated, China welcomes such a settlement. If the terms, however, mean the surrender of Finland there is anxiety here lest the case establishes a dangerous precedent for the future.

Aside from any interpretations of the situation from aspects of China's interests, it is pointed out that peace cannot be anything less than an important victory for Soviet and German diplomacy.

It is feared that the events of Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland and now Finland will lead the smaller countries to be sceptical of assurances from the Allies as being effective and not forthcoming despite their assurances and statements that they are fighting for the smaller nations and resisting aggression.

PRESS COMMENT

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"The safety of the north-west frontier of the Soviet Union and Leningrad has been guaranteed. When hostilities at the front cease today the Soviet people will be filled with tremendous satisfaction."

"The treaty will create lasting peaceful relations between the two countries."

FEELING IN SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 13 (Reuter)—Popular feeling in Sweden appears to be more concerned with the fact that war has been avoided than with the implications for the future.

The newspaper Svenska Dagbladet writes: "To escape the contempt of the world for her passive attitude to the Finnish War, Sweden's policy must now take a more positive form and a defensive military alliance must be concluded with Finland to guarantee the present pact."

CONSTERNATION

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 13 (Reuter)—M. Tanner's frank references to the role of Norway and Sweden in the failure of Finland's struggle caused something like consternation here.

The possibility of Sweden guaranteeing what remains of Finland is apparently removed by a provision in the peace agreement that neither party may enter into an agreement with a third Power.

DUTCH NAVAL MISSION

THE HAGUE, Mar. 13 (Reuter)—The naval mission has returned from Italy where it has been negotiating in connection with the purchase of arms and will report to the Government.

A "PUPPET" TALKS

"MAYOR" FU OF SHANGHAI AND HIS IDEAS

SHANGHAI, Mar. 13 (Reuter)—Fu Siao-en, Mayor of the "Puppet" City Government of Greater Shanghai, emphatically denied to Reuter today that he was resigning his post to join the new Wang Ching-wei regime.

It had been suggested, he said, that he should take a ministerial post with the new Government, but he preferred to carry on in his present job.

MAJOR STEP

He expressed the opinion that if the main problems confronting Shanghai should be cleared up, that would be a major step towards "reconstructing" Central and North China.

Regarding the Shanghai Outside roads question, Fu voiced optimism. Now that an agreement had been reached on policing, he thought it would be possible to smooth out the other differences between the Municipal Council and the City Government.

In his view, all rates and taxes for the Outside Road Areas should be collected by the City Government, and used solely for the maintenance and improvement of these districts. However, no agreement on the collection of taxes had yet been reached, he added.

VICE DENS

Concerning gambling and opium dens in the Outside Roads, Fu commented that orders had been given for the closure of such places by Mar. 10 and reports were being awaited before further steps were contemplated. He denied that he had issued licences to these dens or that the City Government had received any revenue from them.

Europe, he said: "It is too well advertised to be successful."

Sir Stafford Cripps also stated that he did not think peace between Finland and Russia would lead to a general peace in Europe.

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SHANGHAI-NINGPO SHIPPING SERVICE TO BE RESUMED

SHANGHAI, Mar. 13 (Reuter)—Pursuant to a joint request made by local foreign shipping firms, the Chinese authorities at Ningpo have granted permission for the resumption of direct Shanghai-Ningpo shipping services to steamers drawing more than twelve feet, says the "Hwa Mei Wan Pao."

However, prior approval of the Ningpo authorities must be obtained before any steamer will be permitted to tie up at the wharf and not more than one steamer will be permitted to enter Ningpo on any day, the report states.

The Rev. Eric Knightly Chetwode Hamilton, formerly vicar of St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, was at Westminster Abbey consecrated Bishop of Shrewsbury.

SMALLEST TURN-OUT OF LAST WEEK'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE GAMES: WAHOOS WIN AS THEY LIKED

BY R.O.Y.

Three matches in each of the Men's and Ladies' Leagues were decided last Sunday, before the smallest gathering of spectators seen out at either King's Park or Prince Edward Road, this season.

On the latter ground, the Wahoos won as they liked, by 9 runs to 2, over the Pirates who had the services of several rookies, but still had to take the field short handed.

With Therese Noronha hurling in her best form, the Green Owls had an easy time in holding the losers to two tallies garnered on three scattered bingles, while they tallied nine on seven safeties.

CIRCUIT HIT

Therese Noronha hit for the circuit, while Jackie Anderson and Irene Castilho each slugged a brace of singles.

For the Buccaneers, Maudie Read did an amazing amount of work in the field, in addition to pitching quite steady game; the only Pirate hitter to do anything was Mrs. Burson who registered a double and a single.

CAREFREE TUSSELE

The Wildcats' trounced the Baby Panthers, 13-3 in a carefree tussle which was devoid of any of that tenseness which has been a usual feature of the ladies' matches, neither was there any arguing with the umpires!

"Fee Wee" May Chung poled out a homer and a triple to take batting honours although Doris and Lily Mar were close behind. Sarah Kwong garnered half of the losers four bingles while, defensively, Terry Marques gave a sound exhibition of hind snatching, although Irene Tavares pitched excellent ball to concede only seven hits.

The Cardinals, once again, were unable to field anything like a full team and were obliged to concede the points to the Canadian Chinese lassies, who, not taking any chances, turned out in full force.

A TRACK MEET

At King's Park, the Recreio girls staged a track meet against the lowly Cubs, finally running out on the long end of a 33-7 count, after setting a local record by scoring 21 markers in the very first frame. For the winners, "Ding" Lopes clouted a round tripper, but the most consistent hitter was little Anna Noronha who garnered a triple, double and single in four trips to the plate.

The Cubs slumped badly to give their worst fielding display of the season and committed numerous errors which, very kindly, were not recorded by the official scorer.

EASY VICTORY

The Recreio Begg had just as easy a victory over the English Forerunners who had to enlist several bystanders to make up their line-up. The final score was 16-4 which was very mild, considering the innocuous stuff put across the plate by Kitchell and Nelson Ma who took turns on the mound with conspicuous lack of success.

GREAT IMPROVEMENT

The Machine Gunners showed great improvement in the field to hold the powerful Ball Club gang to 7 tallies, but could not score in reply. Dave Leonard poled out a homer, for the winners, while Frankie Gonzales hubbed grand

PORTSMOUTH'S EASY WIN

Portsmouth5 Brighton1
Portsmouth gave a fine exhibition of fast, open football, and the result was never in doubt. Brighton began promisingly, and when Morgan failed to cut out a centre from the right, Risdon netted from close range.

The Cupholders exploited the long ball down the middle, and Anderson scored twice within 15 minutes from these tactics. "Pompey" kept up the pressure, and Parker scored twice before Barlow added the fifth goal.

Allen played a great part in holding up Brighton's plucky forwards, and was well supported by Morgan and Rochford.

For Brighton, Evans, Risdon, and Wilson worked hard against the lively Portsmouth attack.

SOLITARY GOAL

Torquay United1 Plymouth A.....0
The Argyle were smarter at the start and Smith headed over from Macdonald's centre.

When Torquay retaliated, Harper saved on the ground from Clarke (A.). Torquay forced several corners, and from one of them a clearance was deflected against the post. Clarke (A.) headed in smartly, but Harper saved. Joelin held a grand shot by Macdonald.

ball in registering his first shut-out.

EXCITING GAME

The most exciting game of the day was the Trojans-Filipino Club clash which ended 7-6 in the former's favour. Amper held the winners to one hit but his teammates, booted 10 chances to lose him the decision.

The losers also had a hard time with the hickory stick and could manage to connect for only two safeties off the bends and plants of Almeida who received much better support from his fellow Trojans, than Amper did from his Filipino boys.

COMMITTEE MEETING

With interest in the League Competition dying out, the League Committee will meet at the Brook Club tomorrow, at 5.30 p.m., to decide on the staging of the International Series which is expected to entertain local ball fans till the hard-ball season starts.

Another item for discussion will be the holding of a dance in conjunction with the presentation of trophies won during the current season.

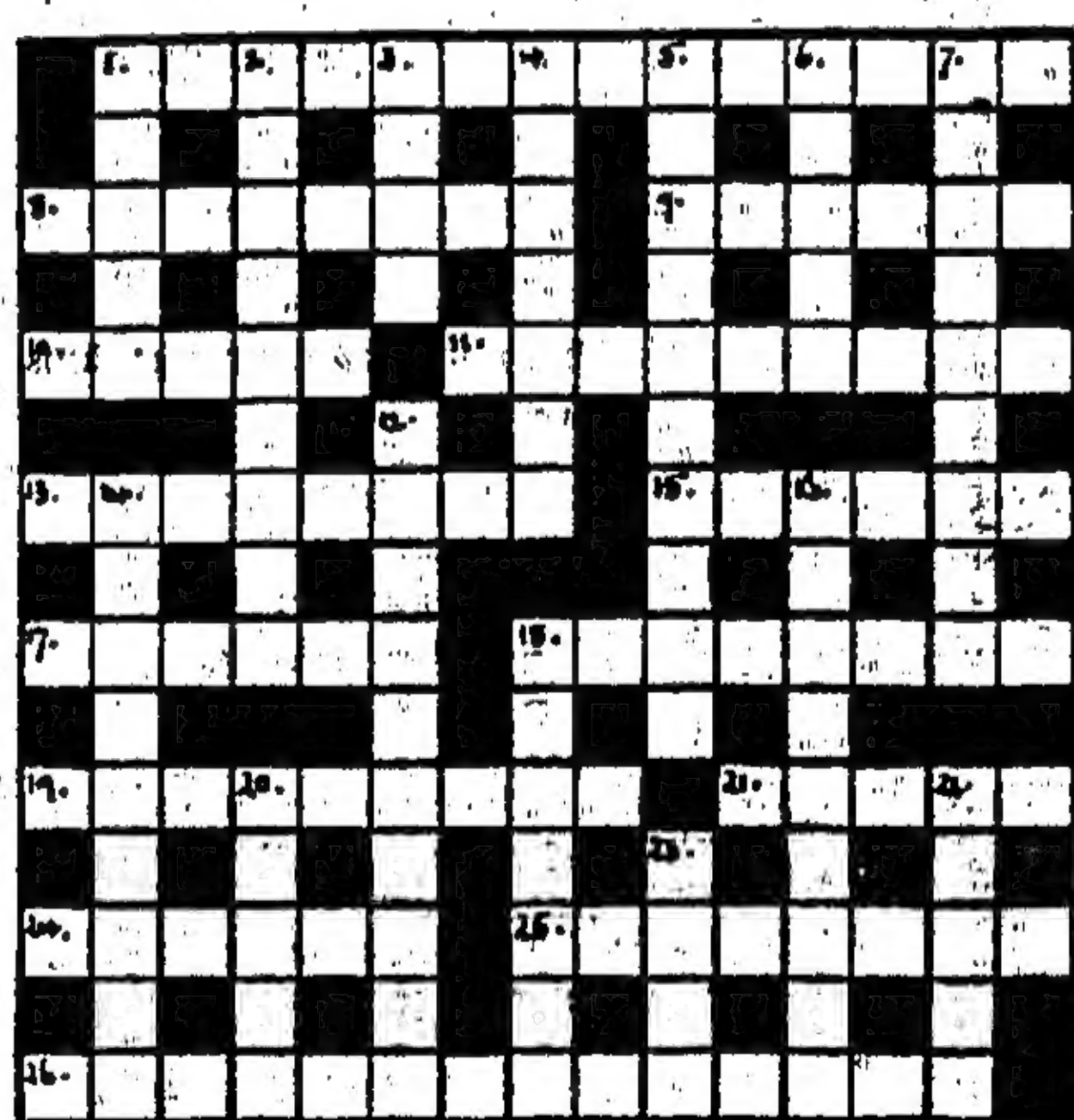
LEAGUE STANDINGS

Ladies' League	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Canadian Chinese	12	1	.923
Wahoos	13	3	.813
Wildcats	11	3	.786
Ball Club	10	5	.666
Recreio	8	7	.533
Pirates	8	10	.375
Baby Panthers	5	10	.333
Cubs	2	13	.133
Cardinals	1	14	.067

Men's League

	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Recreio "A"	12	0	1.000
Ball Club	11	1	.917
Canadian Chinese	10	2	.833
Recreio "B"	9	2	.818
Chung Hwa	10	3	.769
Victoria R.C.	6	4	.600
Mindanao	7	6	.538
International A.C.	5	5	.500
Baseballers	5	6	.454
Filipino Club	4	9	.308
Trojans	4	8	.333
English Forum	3	10	.231
Liga Portuguesa	1	9	.100
Central British	1	12	.076
Machine Gunners	0	11	.000

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ACROSS

- The county that appeals to racing enthusiasts.
- It cannot be lack of a toy that makes the child talk so much.
- Half-frozen stone.
- It will bring back your childhood if you have a bet on it.
- Sweets—despite their name (2 words, 4 and 5).
- They are generous with other people's money.
- When very good is generally associated with a bid.
- It is generally for the better that a third party holds them.
- Part of a county in Scotland.
- They grow rapidly, and yet always have room.
- Such 'more than confusedly nice—indeed, affected.
- I dig on for this blue dye.
- His three hundred brought him fame.

- Whereon depends to some extent the cost of your holiday abroad (3 words, 4, 2 and 8).

DOWN

- Ballantyne's Island.
- A far from modern firearm.
- You can have confidence in this.
- Guides, dreadful at the start.
- Speed with a final issue of the publication.
- Living five hundred years before 25 across he could not sing his praise.
- He should be grateful to 13 across.
- The only humane way to get rid of old retainers (2 words, 4 and 3).
- European country.
- Combination.
- It seems bound up with inferiority nowadays.
- German poet and critic.
- There is no reason why this Irish county should not be clear.
- A famous general.

SOLUTION TOMORROW

A.R.P. ORDERS

A.R.P. Orders issued by Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, O.B.E. Director of Air Raid Precautions.

TRANSFER

Mr. E. F. Shea, District Warden, Eastern Division, Hongkong, to be District Warden, District "B," Kowloon City Division, Kowloon.

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. C. L. Rocha, to be Deputy District Warden, District "D," Central Division, Hongkong. Kowloon City Division—District Wardens: Divisional Headquarters, Ho Chok Nam; Districts—"A" E. Alves; "B," E. F. Shea; "C," Leung Pui Tso; "D," T. F. Wong; "E," Chan Kwok Ying. Deputy District Wardens: Districts—"A," Mrs. R. Kew; "D," Miss J. Lam; "E," Miss Chan Sun Kwai.

MEETING

There will be a meeting of District Wardens and Deputy District Wardens of Shamshuipo Division on Thursday, March 14, at 6.45 p.m. in the Chinese Public Dispensary, Yee Kuk Street.

EXAMINATION

Wardens' Course in English under Syllabus "A." An examination for candidates who attended Mr. Boxer's class will be held at the Club Lusitano, Ice House Street on the 18th instant at 5.45 p.m. Students other than those already detailed to attend, who wish to sit for the examination should forward their names to the Director of Air Raid Precautions by the 16th instant.

(Sgd.) H. W. LEYDEN, Warden Instructor.

A.R.P. LECTURES

The Director of Air Raid Precautions announces that a course of lectures for wardens will be given by Mr. G. Williams, L.A.G.I., at the Club Lusitano on Fridays and Tuesdays, commencing on March 15, Friday, at 5.45 p.m. Members of the public wishing to attend are requested to report to the lecturer at the time and place stated above.

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34 NEW GROUP CAPTAINS

LONDON, Mar. 13 (Reuter)—A list of over two-hundred Air Force temporary promotions were published yesterday.

Thirty-four Wing-Commanders become Group Captains, 153 Squadron-Leaders promoted Wing-Commanders, and 52 Flight-Lieutenants become Squadron-Leaders.

DISTINGUISHED AIRMEN

The new Wing-Commanders include Andrew Douglas Farquhar, who was recently awarded the D. F. C. for three successful attacks on enemy aircraft.

Most of the new Group Captains distinguished themselves in the last war. They include O. R. Gayford, who was in charge of the long-distance record in November 1938, while Richard Kelleth, who led the record-breaking flight and was awarded the D. F. C. recently for leading British planes in the Heligoland Eight flight, is promoted Wing-Commander, as is also G. H. Stainforth, former holder of the World's Air Speed Record.

K. E. Lloyd, who in 1938 commanded five Air Force flying-boats, which covered 30,000 miles, the longest formation flight ever undertaken, is among the new Group-Captains.

LONDON GAZETTE

FOREIGN OFFICE APPOINTMENTS

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

Supplement to the London Gazette of Tuesday, February 27.

WAR OFFICE, MARCH 1

REGULAR ARMY

Col. A. A. Cummins retires on ret. pay (Mar. 1); Col. W. Mathieson, O.B.E. (late R.A.M.C.), is placed on the h.p. list on account of ill-health (Mar. 2).

Lt.-Cols. to be Cols.—E. U. Russell, M. C. (from R.A.M.C.) (Mar. 2), with seny. Oct. 2, 1937; H. S. Briggs, O.B.E., A.M.I.Mech. E. (late R.E.) (Oct. 2, 1939), with seny. Dec. 1, 1937.

COMMANDS AND STAFF

The follg. appts. are made:—
Maj.-Gen. P. Neame, V.O. C.B., D.S.O., from Dep. Chief, Gen. Staff, to be a Comdr. (Feb. 14); Maj.-Gen. Hon. P. G. Scarlett, M.C., from a Comdr. to be Dir. of Mob. (Feb. 19); Col. R. E. Barnsley, M.C., M.B. (late R.A.M.C.), to be D.D.M.S. and is granted the actg. rank of Maj.-Gen. Nov. 28, 1939; to Jan. 18, 1940, incl.; Col. H. H. Blake, O.B.E., M.B. (late R.A.M.C.), to be D.D.M.S. and is granted the actg. rank of Maj.-Gen. (Jan. 19).

ADMIRALTY, FEB. 7

FEBRUARY 26

R.N.

Surgn. Lieut. Comdr. (D) H. A. Ginn, L.D.S., placed on Retd. List (Feb. 15).

FEBRUARY 27

R.N.

Lieuts. to be Lieut.-Comdrs. with seny. as stated:—J. N. Caris (Dec. 19, 1939); K. M. Nicholson, E. S. Cotsell (Dec. 20, 1931); K. G. Tucker (Dec. 21, 1939).

Lieut. (E) E. W. Relf to be Lieut.-Comdr. (E) (Dec. 21, 1939).

R.N.

Lieut.-Comdr. to be Comdr. with seny. as stated:—R. B. Jennings, C. J. Smith, P. T. A. Love (Dec. 13, 1939).

Instr. Comdr. A. F. Booth, M.A., placed on Retd. List with rank of Instr. Capt. (Feb. 14); Actg. Sub-Lieut. (A) P. C. Roberts to be Sub-Lieut. (A) (Aug. 12, 1939); Engr. Comdr. S. G. West, D.S.C., placed on Retd. List with rank of Engr. Capt. (Feb. 3).

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S ROYAL NAVAL NURSING SERVICE

Miss W. M. Barker, Nursing Sister, has resigned, to date Feb. 28. The follg. appointments as Nursing Sisters, on probation, have been made, to date Jan. 25:—Miss F. A. Bevin, Miss E. A. M. Maunsell, Miss B. F. Bailey, Miss K. N. Oulton.
Miss J. W. Yellowless has been appointed as a Nursing Sister, on probation, to date Jan. 12.
Monsieur L. O. F. Reynaud, as Consul-General of France at Hongkong; Mr. Katsuo Ikazaki, as Consul-General of Japan at Hongkong; and Monsieur H. A. Keller, as Consul of Switzerland at Hongkong (Jan. 5).

Mr. George Fitch will speak on "Reconstruction in West China" at the Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group meeting on Sunday at 8 p.m.

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RADIO PROGRAMMES

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8.50 Studio—Talk on "Canadians in England."—Carroll Gibbons & the Savoy Hotel Orchestra. Tango—Venetian Moon (film invitation to the Waltz).—Gerald & His Gaucho Tango Orchestra. Fox-Trot—The Shiloh High On A Hill Top (film, "Thanks a Million").—Thanks a Million (from the film)—Paul Penderaris & His Orchestra. Polka—The Sparrows; Fox-Trot—Laughing Saxophones—Robert Bernard Dance Orchestra. Fox-Trots—That's What You Think (film "King Solomon of Broadway"); I'm in Love All Over Again (film "Money for Yawp")—Paul Penderaris & His Orchestra. Waltz—A Beautiful Lady in Blue; Fox-Trot—Everything Stops for Tea (film "Come out of the Pantry")—Mario "Harpy" Lorenzi & His Rhythmics. Fox-Trots—Remember Me? (film "Mr. Dodd takes the Air"); Here Comes the Sandman (film "Mr. Dodd takes the Air")—Harry Roy & His Orchestra. 11.00 Close down.

Real estate to the extent of \$33,300 was left by the late Sung Hong-lin alias Sung Kong-lin, rice merchant, formerly of Queen's Road West, second floor, Victoria.

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS
MARCH 13, 1940

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/3 25 33	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/3 25 33	
Credits 4 months sight 1/3 3 32	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand 350	
On Singapore:—	
On demand 62 3/8	
On Japan:—	
On demand 97 1/2	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 182	
and demand 182	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 23	
Credits, 60 days' sight 24	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 42 3/4	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 1082	
Credits 4 months' sight 1137	
On Saigon:—	
On demand 108	
On Manila:—	
On demand 46	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 159 1/8	
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate ... 1/33 1/32	
Bar Silver per oz. 20 13/16	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.
Silver prices dropped yesterday to the extent of 1/4 for Ready and 3/16 for Forward, the quotations being 20.13/16 for both deliveries. Silver advances reported a little general selling. A small business was done. The market was quiet. American Silver was quoted at 34.3/4 for Spot.
The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 492.1/2. New York-London was quoted at 377.1/2.

Market
Sterling
Some business was reported at 1/27/32 for Cash early in the morning. The market closed with sellers at 1/213/16 March-July and 1/225/32 August-November, buyers at 1/27/32 Cash, 1/227/32 June and 1/213/16 September.
U.S. Dollars
Some business was reported during the early part of the morning at 23.5/16 for April. The market closed with sellers at 23.5/16 March and 25.1/4 April, buyers at 23.3/8 March, possibly Cash and 23.5/16 April.

Shanghai Dollars
357.1/8, possibly 357.3/4.
Shanghai Market
Sterling 4 1/8 and U.S. Dollars 6 1/2 both sellers for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Mar. 13 (Reuters).	
Official T.T. Rates	
London 0/4	
New York 5-1/4	
Japan 26-5/8	
India 22-1/8	
Paris 3.94	
Hongkong 74-3/4	

	Opening	Closing
Spot 0/4-1/8	0/4-9/64	
Mar. 0/4-1/8	0/4-9/64	
Apr. 0/4-5/64	0/4-3/32	
U.S. Dollars		
Spot 36-15/32	36-1/2	
Mar. 6-7/16	6-1/2	
Apr. 6-11/32	6-13/32	

Merchant Rates
Sterling, 0/4-1/8.
U.S. Dollars, 36-1/2.
Today's Silver Duty Rate
Shanghai, March 13.
The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.
The Equalisation rate was 9-1/2 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Mar. 12 (Reuters).
T.T. on Japan, 81-3/4.

New York Exchange

New York, Mar. 12 (Reuters).
T.T. on London (Opening Rate), 2.24-1/2.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Mar. 12 (Reuters).
Government 3% Rupee, 94-08-0 nominal.

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Mar. 12 (Reuters).	
Standard, Cash 256 3/4 257	
Standard, 3 months 255 3/4 256	
Standard, Settlement Price 257	
Standard, Straits 282	

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SINGAPORE RUBBER

	Previous	March 12	Closing	Opening	Change
SPOT	38-7/8	38-7/8	38-7/8	unch.	
APRIL-JUNE	36-7/8	36-7/8	36-7/8		
JULY-SEPT.	35-1/4	35-1/4	35-1/4		

The market was steady but quiet.

LONDON RUBBER

	Previous close	Today's close	Change
SPOT	12-1/8	12 pence	off 1/8
APRIL	12-1/8	12	off 1/8
MAY	11-7/8	11-13/16	off 1/16
JUNE	11-11/16	11-9/16	off 1/16
JULY-SEPT.	11-1/2	11-7/16	off 1/16
OCT-DEC.	11-1/4	11-3/16	off 1/16

The market was dull owing to the lack of interest.

NEW YORK COTTON: There is no fresh development in Washington. Bombay interests were sellers while Trade buying on the scale down furnished the chief support of the day and subsequently caused a fair sized rally after foreign markets closed. Opinions regarding the subsidy programme and possible higher Loan basis are generally favourable.

NEW YORK RUBBER: Some selling on the weakness of the Sterling exchange was in evidence.

CHICAGO WHEAT: There was no follow up after the early strength on unfavourable crop reports. The weakness in Sterling exchange and the latest news of the Finnish peace settlement were today's disturbing influences.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close: 148.15; Today's close: 148.37; Change, up .22.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTERS SERVICE)

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, May	10.72	10.65	10.71	.01 off
New York Rubber, May	18.77	18.65	18.62	.03 up
Chicago Wheat, May	105 1/2	102 1/2	104 1/2	1 off
Chicago Corn, May	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	1 off
New York Hides, June	14.38	14.15	14.23	.08 off
NEW YORK COTTON				
March	10.92/93	10.87/87	10.82/82	.10 off
May	10.71/72	10.67/67	10.70/70	.01 off
July	10.38/38	10.34/33	10.42/42	.04 up
July (New contract)	10.51/51	10.46/46	10.55/55	.04 up
October	9.39/39	9.35/35	9.39/39	.04 up
December	9.75/75	9.70/69	9.79/79	.04 up
January	9.72/72	9.65/65	9.75/75	.03 up
Spot	10.97/97	10.96/96	10.96/96	.01 off

Total sales Monday—86,300 bales.

Last notice day for March cotton—15/3/40.

NEW YORK RUBBER

March	18.67/70a	18.65b/72	.01 up
May	18.62/63	18.55b/65a	.03 up
July	18.44/44	18.40/48	.03 up
September	18.37/37	18.40/39	unch.
December	18.12/13	18.20/20	.08 up

Total sales—2,180 tons.

Last trading day—27/3/40.

CHICAGO WHEAT

May	104 1/4/104 1/2	103 1/2/103 1/2	1 off
July	102 1/2/102 1/2	101 1/2/101 1/2	1 1/2 off
September	101 1/2/101 1/2	100 1/2/100 1/2	1 1/2 off

Monday's sales 29,279,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

May	56 1/2/56 1/2	56 1/2/56 1/2	1 off
July	57 1/2/57 1/2	56 1/2/56 1/2	1 off
September	57 1/2/57 1/2	57 1/2/57 1/2	1 off

WINNIPEG WHEAT

May	89 1/2/89 1/2	89 1/2/89 1/2	1 off
July	90 1/2/90 1/2	89 1/2/89 1/2	1 off
October	91 1/2/91 1/2	91 1/2/91 1/2	1 off

NEW YORK HIDES

June	14.23/23	14.23b/27a	.08 off
September	14.45b/48a	14.49/49	unch.
New York, Official	34-3/4	34-3/4	
NY-London Cross Rate	3.86	3.77-1/2	

SILVER MARKET

London, Mar. 12 (Reuters).
Silver—Little General selling. Very poor support. Business small. Market quiet. In the afternoon, the market was dull, with no business transacted.
Spot, 20-13/16d.
Forward, 20-13/16d.
NEW YORK SILVER
New York, Mar. 12 (Reuters).
Silver, Official, 34-3/4.
BOMBAY SILVER
Bombay, Mar. 12 (Reuters).
Market—Quiet. Offtake 50 bars.
Indian Mint Silver
Ready 57-05
Apr. 3 Settlement 57-08
May 1 Settlement 57-12

ANGLO-DANISH TRADE AGREEMENT

LONDON, Mar. 13 (Reuters)—A wartime Trade Agreement was initiated yesterday on behalf of the British and Danish Governments to facilitate the normal flow of trade as far as possible under the present conditions.

TRADE ISSUES IN ITALY'S NOTE OF PROTEST

LONDON, Mar. 13 (Reuters).
Commenting on Anglo-Italian trade negotiations, the Manchester Guardian points out that, while the awkward coal dispute has been settled, Italy's note of protest, which raised greater issues than the stoppage of German coal, remains to be answered.
The paper points out that the stoppage of German exports was forced on the Allies by Germany's illegal methods of sea warfare. In a trade agreement, Italy may now find compensation for the losses which German illegality forced on.

LONDON GOLD

London, Mar. 12 (Reuters).
Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 168.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATION
(REUTERS SERVICE)

STOCKS	Last Sale	Mar. 12	STOCKS	Last Sale	Mar. 12
Adams Express	7 1/2		Lakey Foundry & Mac	4 1/2	
Allegheny Steel Co.	22 1/2		Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	50 1/2	
Allied Stores	51		Lockheed Aircraft	39 1/2	
Allis Chalmers	37 1/2		Loew's Inc.	35 1/2	
Aluminum Ltd.	105 1/2		Loft Incorporated	29 1/2	
Amer. Can.	115 1/2		Mack Truck Inc.	25 1/2	
American Cyanamid B.	38 1/2		Martin, Glen L.	42 1/2	
Amer. & Foreign Power	1 1/2		McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	25 1/2	
Amer. Locomotive	23		Monasanto Chemical	110 1/2	
Amer. Metals Co.	24		Montgomery Ward	54 1/2	
Amer. Radiator	9		National Aviation	12 1/2	
Amer. Rolling Mill	14 1/2		Nat. Dairy Products	17 1/2	
Amer. Sugar Refining Co.	49 1/2		Nat. Distillers	25	
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	174 1/2		National Gypsum	11 1/2	
Amer. Tobacco "B"	89 1/2		Nat. Lead	21 1/2	
Amer. Waterworks	9		Nat. Power & Light	7 1/2	
Anacosta Copper	29		National Steel Corp.	68	
Atchafalca, T. & S. Fe.	22 1/2		National Supply Corp.	8 1/2	
Auburn Motors	11		New York Central	16 1/2	
Baltimore & Ohio	5 1/2		Niagara Hudson Power	5	
Barber Asphalt Co.	15		N. American Aviation	21 1/2	
Barnard Oil	11 1/2		North American Co.	2 1/2	
Bendix Aviation	39 1/2		Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	61	
Bethlehem Steel	77 1/2		Pacific Gas & Elec.	33 1/2	
Bliss & Co.	15 1/2		Pacific Lighting	47 1/2	
Boeing Airplane Co.	23		Packard Motors	34 1/2	
Borg-Warner	22 1/2		Pan-American Airways	18 1/2	
Bridgeport Brass Corp.	10 1/2		Paramount Pictures	7 1/2	
Briggs Mfg.	22 1/2		Pennsylvania R.R.	22 1/2	
Brooklyn-Mhattan Trans.	21 1/2		Phelps-Dodge	37	
Brooklyn-Manhattan S.	93 1/2		Phillips Petroleum	39 1/2	
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	6 1/2		Pittsburgh Coke & Iron	41 1/2	
Case, J.I.	68 1/2		Public Service of N.J.	41 1/2	
Celanese	31 1/2		Pullman Inc.	27 1/2	
Chesapeake & Ohio	39 1/2		Pure Oil	9 1/2	
Chrysler Corp.	88 1/2		Radio Corp. of Am.	5 1/2	
Climax-Molybdenum Co.	39 1/2		Reading Company, Com	15 1/2	
Colts Patent Fire-Arms	78 1/2		Reading Company, 1st pfd	4 1/2	
Columbia Gas & Elec.	51		Remington Arms Co., Inc.	2 1/2	
Columbia 6% "A" pf.	88 1/2		Republic Aviation Corp.	54	
Commercial Credit Co.	45 1/2		Republic Steel	123 1/2	
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	1 1/2		Revere Cop. & Brass Inc.	41 1/2	
Consolidated Edison	31		Reynold Tobac. "B"	41 1/2	
Consolidated Oil	7 1/2		Richfield Oil	7 1/2	
Continental Can	49 1/2		Safeway Stores	51 1/2	
Continental Oil	23		Schenley Distillers	13	
Copperweld Steel	18 1/2		Sears Roebuck	84 1/2	
Corn Products	82 1/2		Shell Union Oil	10 1/2	
Curtis Wright (C.)	104 1/2		Socoma-Vacuum Oil	11 1/2	
Curtis Wright "A"	29 1/2		Southern Pacific	12 1/2	
Deere & Co.	22		Southern Ry. 5% pfd.	28 1/2	
Distillers Corp., Seagrams	19 1/2		Sperry	33 1/2	
Douglas Aircraft	81 1/2		Spicer Manufacturing Co.	33 1/2	
Du Pont de Nemours	188		Standard Brands	7	
Eagle Ficher Lead	11 1/2		Stand Gas & Elec.	1 1/2	
Eaton Mfg. Co.	33		Standard Oil of California	23 1/2	
Elec. Autolite	39 1/2		Standard Oil of N.J.	23 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share	5 1/2		Stone & Webster	9 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share 5% pf.	57 1/2		Studebaker Com.	11 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share 3% pf.	55 1/2		Swift International	32	
Elec. Power & Light 7% pf.	28 1/2		Technicolor	15 1/2	
Fisk Rubber	15 1/2		Texas Corp.	45 1/2	
Flintkote	19 1/2		Texas Gulf Sulphur	33 1/2	
Gen. American Trans.	51 1/2		Timken-Axle	23 1/2	
Gen. Electric	38 1/2		Trans-America Co.	6 1/2	
Gen. Motors	54 1/2		20th Cent. Fox	11 1/2	
Gen. Railway Signal	16 1/2		20th Cent. Fox 5% pf.	23	
Gen. Tire & Rubber	20 1/2		Union Carbide & Carbon	85	
Glidden Co.	18		United Aircraft	47 1/2	
Goodrich (B.F.)	19 1/2		United Airlines Trans.	17 1/2	
Goodrich 5% pf.	69		United Corp.	2 1/2	
Goodyear Tire & Co.	23 1/2		United Corp. 3% cum pf.	38 1/2	
Great Northern Iron Ore	14		United Gas Corp.	13 1/2	
Great Northern Ry. pfd.	22 1/2		United Gas Improvement	13 1/2	
Great Western Sugar	25 1/2		U.S. Industrial Alcohol	21 1/2	
Grayhound Corp.	16 1/2		U.S. Rubber	36 1/2	
Hercules Powder Co.	94 1/2		U.S. Rubber 5% pfd.	115	
Homestake Mining	58		U.S. Steel	57 1/2	
International Harvester	52 1/2		Vanadium	35	
Int. Nickel	35 1/2		Walworth Co.	5 1/2	
Int. Tel. & Tel.	44 1/2		Warner Bros. Pict.	3 1/2	
Johns-Manville	72 1/2		Westinghouse Elec.	113	
J. & Laughlin Steel 3% pfd.	58		Woodward Iron Cor.	24 1/2	
Kennecott Copper	36 1/2		Chase National Bank	34 1/2	
			National City Bank	28 1/2	

DOW JONES AVERAGE

	1939/40	Mar. 11, 1940	Mar. 12, 1940	Change
High	155.98	151.41	148.37	23 up
Low	131.41	120.14	117.83	22 up
Dow Jones Industrial	30.80	31.01	30.73	.06 off
30 Stocks	27.70	28.18	28.05	.03 off
40 Bonds	88.25	88.58	88.98	.11 up
40 Commodities	65.67	65.85	66.52	.13 off
Commodity Index				
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WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory
 10 a.m., March 13.
 Barometer (at sea level), 30.03 ins.
 Temperature, 70 F.
 Humidity, 69 per cent.
 Wind Direction, E.
 Wind Force (Beaufort), 2.
 Temperature: maximum yesterday
 68 F.
 Temperature, minimum last night
 62 F.
 Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10 a.m.
 today, nil.
 Total rainfall since January 1st
 2.32 ins.
 Against an average of 3.76 ins.
 Sunset tonight, 6.32 p.m.
 Sunrise tomorrow, 6.34 a.m.
 4 p.m., March 13.
 Barometer (at sea level), 29.93 ins.
 Temperature, 72 F.
 Humidity, 71 per cent.
 Wind Direction, E/S.
 Wind Force (Beaufort), 2.
 Maximum temperature, 77 F.
 Minimum temperature, 62 F.
 Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 14 to 20 Mar. 1940.

HIGH WATER.			LOW WATER.		
Days of Week	Date of Month.	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height.
Thurs.	14	h. m. 11 50	ft. in. 0 0	h. m. 05 48	ft. in. 2 7
Fri.	15	0 39 13 39	4 6 6 1	06 05 10 52	3 0 9 5
Sat.	16	01 35 13 14	4 1 8 2	06 16 11 24	3 3 9 5
Sun.	17	03 13 14 17	3 9 6 2	06 40 12 54	3 5 2 4
Mon.	18	05 29 15 38	3 8 8 4	07 15 13 59	3 7 2 0
Tues.	19	06 40 17 02	4 0 8 8	08 30 00 55	3 9 1 8
Wed.	20	07 23 18 20	4 4 8 6	00 55 11 55	1 8 3 8

Sir Edward S. John Jackson,
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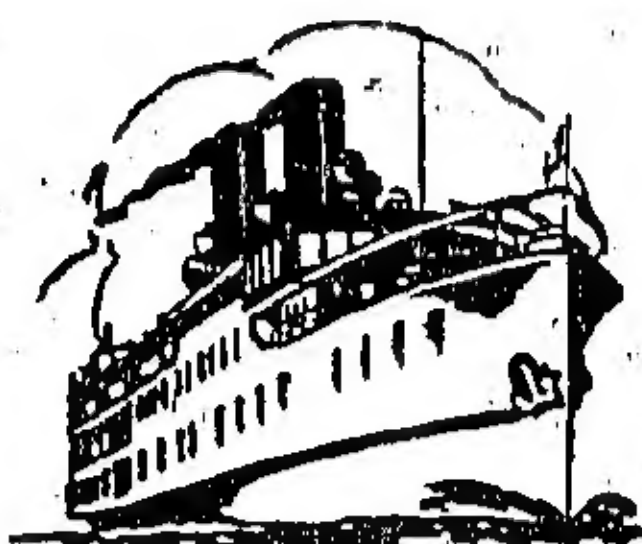
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Group photograph taken after the wedding of Mr. Ng Siu-cheong and Miss Agnes Leung Wal-ching which was solemnised at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday.—(King's Studio).

**ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY
FORCE READY SINCE
FEB. 26—DALADIER**

PARIS, Mar. 13 (Reuter).—Addressing the Chamber yesterday, M. Daladier, the French Premier, said that ships were waiting to take a body of French troops to the aid of Finland. These troops had been ready since Feb. 26.

The British Government had taken similar measures.

The strength of this Expeditionary Force was 50,000 men, France had sent a number of ultra-modern bombers a few days ago, which must have already arrived in Finland.

The French and British Governments were awaiting a direct public appeal from the Finnish Government.

**DETERMINATION
TO FIGHT?**

LONDON, Mar. 13 (Reuter).—The Finnish Radio, broadcasting in Russian yesterday, declared that the Finnish Army will defend the independence of Finland to the end, standing firmly as a rock.

Every soldier was prepared to defend his country to the last drop of blood.

**CABLE NEWS
IN BRIEF**

LONDON, Mar. 13 (Reuter).—The democratisation of the Army was criticised from two conflicting viewpoints during the debate on the Army Estimates in the House of Commons yesterday.

LONDON, Mar. 13 (Reuter).—The increased frequency of Empire Bulletins of the B.B.C. was mentioned at the annual meeting of the Empire Press Union, over which Major J. J. Astor presided.

LONDON, Mar. 13 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles, Secretary of State, and Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, at No. 11, Downing Street yesterday and then had a short talk with Sir Alexander Cadogan after which he went to the Admiralty to see Mr. Winston Churchill.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 13 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives yesterday passed, and sent to the Senate, the Bill authorising the expenditure of \$80,000,000 on the expansion of the United States Navy and its Air Force in the next two years.

PARIS, Mar. 13 (Reuter).—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are to be meatless days in France, under the new rationing decree last night.

LONDON, Mar. 13 (Reuter).—The Minister of Health has sent a circular to the local authorities in which he says the danger of air attacks must be regarded as more serious during the usual school holidays at Easter than was the case last Christmas.

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Regulars are said to have arrived in Chungshan county to reinforce the guerrillas in the counter-attacks on the enemy naval landing parties.

Most of the fighting is waged in the 8th district south-west of Sheki, and villages there such as Townmoon and Fachui were heavily bombed on Monday.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

CHANGSHA, Mar. 13 (Int'l).—There is considerable movement of Japanese troops in North Hunan and North Kiangsi. While this may be periodical shifts, the rise of the water level on the Yangtze River, Paoyang Lake in Kiangsi and Tungting Lake in Hunan may facilitate naval actions.

The Hunan and Kiangsi authorities are taking precautions. One division of Japanese troops arrived in Wuhu and another in Kiu-kiang last week.

It is understood that the 50,000 men mentioned by M. Daladier, in his statement to the Chamber yesterday, referred only to the French Contingent of the Allied Expeditionary Force for Finland.

M. Daladier explained that this appeal was necessary, because Norway and Sweden were opposed to the passage of Allied troops and "because of this attitude, it is impossible to go to Finland's aid, unless we received a direct appeal from Finland."

M. Daladier said that the decision to send men to Finland, if wanted, was taken by the Allied War Council on Feb. 3.

MOTION ADJOURNED

A motion by M. Leon Blum and other Deputies, to discuss the Finnish situation in the Chamber has been adjourned by general agreement, on order not to embarrass the Government.

**Allied Co-operation
With Turkey**

ANKARA, Mar. 13 (Reuter).—The presence of the two Allied Air Chiefs in the Middle East at Ankara lends added importance to the recent meeting of the Turkish Supreme War Council.

At that meeting, the Council made an exhaustive study of the country's defences and was satisfied with the measures already taken and planned.

The two Air Chiefs arrived last Saturday for conferences with the head of the Turkish Air Force.

**RUSSIAN POLAND
CONDITIONS**

LONDON, Mar. 13 (Reuter).—Replying to a question in the House of Commons about conditions in Russian Poland, Mr. R. A. Butler said that reports reaching the Government indicated that as a result of Soviet occupation they are gradually approximating to conditions prevailing in the Soviet Union.

BACK IN CABINET

TORONTO, Mar. 13 (Reuter).—Mr. Hepburn, Premier of the Ontario Government, announced yesterday that Mr. Harry Nixon, the Provincial Secretary and the Premier's right-hand man, had re-entered the Cabinet.

Cabinet as a protest against Mr. Hepburn's actions in criticising the conduct of Canada's war effort.

**What Neutrals Think Of
March Of Events In Europe**

LONDON, Mar. 13 (Reuter).—THE BALTIMORE SUN, commenting on the Anglo-Italian settlement, says: "The decision does appear to represent an Allied victory, in that such an engagement would make large, in Germany's economic armour, any contraction of supply of foodstuffs and materials, which have been flowing from Italy to Germany and would subject the Reich to additional strains."

"Evidence available suggests that the British have scored a point of considerable importance in economic warfare."

NAZI PROPAGANDA
THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL ridicules the German use of Tuesday's Anglo-German Western Front clash for publicity purposes.

"This is a new way to conduct war and, although it may be none of our business in the United States, there is no reason why we have to like it. The armies are propagandists and attacks are made more with words than with weapons."

"It is fair to guess that broadcasting equipment was set up before the order was given for the raid and that the sole purpose of the raid was to provide a broadcasting opportunity."

ARAB ATTITUDE
THE CHICAGO NEWS says: "Turkey, though outwardly a dictatorship, is a country with liberal ideas. In fact, all Near East sees the vast difference between the Imperial democracies and the dynamic expansion of Germany, Italy and Russia."

"Even the Arabs, who not long ago were agitating against Britain and France, are now definitely siding with the Allies."

"They see that the British and French are milder than what is called the dynamism of the totalitarian powers; and they feel that Britain and France are a protection against totalitarian expansion."

THE NEW YORK TIMES says: "If the Finnish war should end, the situation would simply revert to the situation prevailing in late November. The Allies would be no worse off in the matter of Russian supplies for Germany than they were then: when they were confident of victory."

"If peace should come on the terms which the Finns themselves believe would permit their survival as an independent na-

tion, little European states are not likely to overlook two items:

"FIRST, that the fall might of Russia for more than three months was unable to crush the resistance of the Finnish armies, and

"SECOND, that the Kremlin concluded the war by coming to terms with the very Government which it had boastfully described as non-existent."

MR. RAYMOND GRAM SWING writes: "Even if the Finnish war ends, the amount of help, economic or military, that the Soviet can, or will, deliver to Germany is questionable."

THE BELGIAN PAPER, VOO-
RUIT, says: "Has Karl Marx been annexed by his blood-ies and burners of his capital? Why not? Since August, the Bolsheviks and the Nazis are friends and the common foes of Socialists."

THE GAZETTE DE LAUSANE says: "When listening to the German wireless Arab talks, one almost believes that the Arabs desire nothing so earnestly as the collapse of the Democracies as the most essential preliminary to a realisation of their aspirations."

"The truth is very different. The entire Arab peoples, from the Atlantic to the Caucasus, and from the Mediterranean to the Indian Ocean, are on the side of the Democracies in the present war."

**WHAT JAPAN
THINKS**

TOKYO, Mar. 13 (Reuter).—"The Soviet-Finnish peace" may have a great influence on the bigger conflict in Europe. Peace talks may follow and Mr. Sumner Welles may become a second Colonel House."

So declared the Japanese Foreign Office spokesman, when he was informed by Reuter that hostilities between Finland and Russia would, according to reports, cease at noon today.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, 14th MARCH, 1940, 9.30 A.M.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

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From	Due
Shanghai	14th Mar.
Manila	14th Mar.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 7th March	14th Mar.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 6th March	14th Mar.
Shanghai	14th Mar.
Canton	14th Mar.
Shanghai and Amoy	14th Mar.
Saigon	14th Mar.
Straits	14th Mar.
U.S.A. and Manila—(San Francisco date, 17th Feb.)	14th Mar.
Japan	14th Mar.
Shanghai	14th Mar.
Japan and Shanghai	14th Mar.
Manila	14th Mar.
Shanghai	14th Mar.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 9th March	14th Mar.
Shanghai, Amoy and Swatow	14th Mar.
Saigon	14th Mar.
Haiphong	14th Mar.
Shanghai and Amoy	14th Mar.
Canton	14th Mar.
Shanghai and Amoy	14th Mar.
Europe via Suez and Straits—(London date, 25th January)	14th Mar.
Japan	14th Mar.
Haiphong	14th Mar.
Japan	14th Mar.
Canton	14th Mar.
Shanghai	14th Mar.
Japan and Shanghai	14th Mar.
Japan and Shanghai	14th Mar.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 13th March	14th Mar.
Bangkok and Saigon	14th Mar.
Straits	14th Mar.
Australia and Manila	14th Mar.
Haiphong	14th Mar.
U.S.A. Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 14th February)	14th Mar.
Sandakan	14th Mar.
Straits and Palembang	14th Mar.
Rabaul and Manila	14th Mar.
Japan and Shanghai	14th Mar.
Manila	14th Mar.
Japan	14th Mar.
U.S.A. & Manila (San Francisco date, 28th Feb.)	14th Mar.
U.S.A. Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 5th March)	14th Mar.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 20th February)	14th Mar.
Japan and Shanghai	14th Mar.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	14th Mar.
Japan	14th Mar.
Japan and Shanghai	14th Mar.
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa	14th Mar.
Japan	14th Mar.

OUTWARD MAILS

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

For	Date and Time
THURSDAY	Thu. 14th
Straits	8.00 AM
Shanghai	8.00 AM
Sandakan	12.30 PM
Fort Bayard	1.30 PM
Bangkok	3.30 PM
FRIDAY	Fri. 15th
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 21st March	Reg. 14th 5.00 PM Ord. 14th 5.30 PM
Amoy	Reg. 14th 5.00 PM Ord. 15th 7.30 AM
Haiphong	8.30 AM
Amoy	1.00 PM
Haiphong	2.30 PM
K.P.O.	3.00 PM
Parcels	4.00 PM
Reg.	5.00 PM
Ord.	5.30 PM
G.P.O.	
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada)—due San Francisco, 3rd April	Parcels 4.00 PM Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
SATURDAY	Sat. 16th
Dairen	10.30 AM
Tientsin (Parcels only)	12.30 PM
Straits	1.30 PM
Shanghai	3.30 PM
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 24th March	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
SUNDAY	Sun. 17th
Amoy	9.00 AM
MONDAY	Mon. 18th
Canton	7.15 AM
Tourane, Saigon and Bangkok	12.30 PM
Haiphong	1.00 PM
Canton	7.00 PM
TUESDAY	Tue. 19th
Batavia and Sourabaya	10.30 AM
Fort Bayard, and Holhow	1.30 PM
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	3.30 PM
Shanghai	2.30 PM
Saigon	6.30 PM
K.P.O.	
Parcels	3.00 PM
Reg.	5.00 PM
Ord.	5.30 PM
G.P.O.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Suez and London. Parcels—due London, 27th April	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM

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